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## Clearmont Gym-Lunch Room Destroyed By Fire

The Clearmont School gymnasium and lunch-room building was destroyed by fire early Wednesday morning about 1:15 a. m.

By the time the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene, the flames had gained considerable headway. The firemen battled the blaze for two hours, Chief Bob Hilliard reported, in an effort to keep the main school building approximately 50 feet away from burning. Before the blaze was completely exting-

uished, the pumps of the fire truck froze, but the blaze had been confined to the foundation walls.

The fire was discovered around 1:15 a. m. by Friel Young, who lives near the school. Young had to drive to Burnsville to report the fire.

The loss to the building and its contents, including lunch-room equipment, was estimated at \$30,000, Hilliard said. Damage to the main school building was es-

timated at \$500.

The frame and stone structure was partially insured, Hilliard said.

The cause of the fire has not been definitely determined, but according to Chief Hilliard, it is thought the blaze originated either from a gas stove in the lunchroom or from a dropped cigarette in the gymnasium at a basketball game the night before.

### First Reports High On Tobacco Sales

Yancey County tobacco growers began selling their crops on the markets in Asheville, Greenville, Johnson City and Boone on Tuesday of this week.

According to E. L. Dillingham county agent, reports have been received of several grower's averaging over 60 cents per pound. The darker leaf seems in greater demand as was true last year, due to increased demand for filter-tipped cigarettes.

There are 1,900 growers in the county with 1,130 acres this year as compared to 1,142 acres in 1955, Dillingham said. The decrease is due to combining allotments and divisions.

Marketing cards should be called for at the ASC office in the Briggs Building before going to market and should be returned promptly, Dillingham said.

On the Asheville burley tobacco market Tuesday, a \$59.81 average was established an all-time high for opening day. The total cash and average price also topped last year's starting figures by comfortable margins, it was reported.

The Boone burley market opened its 1956-57 season surrounded by a two-inch snow and 23 degrees temperature most of the day. The first day average of \$59.82 topped last year's which was only \$55.75.

The market at Boone is operating a three and one-half hour day, Monday through Friday.

All six of the men were serving long terms at the time of their escape.

### Burnsville High Wins Two Games From Bald Creek

The Burnsville High School basketball team took two games from Bald Creek Tuesday, Nov. 27. The Burnsville boys beat the Bald Creek boys 58-35. The Burnsville girls won their game by a score of 49-37.

Donald Banks led the Burnsville team in scoring with 12 points, Ralph Buchanan and Frank Howard Lewis each made 11 points. David Wheeler, a newcomer to the Burnsville team, went in at the fourth quarter and came out with 8 points.

Judy Briggs led the Burnsville girls with 22 points. Nancy Brown got 18. The Burnsville guards were outstanding throughout the whole game. Lillian Berry, a newcomer to the Burnsville team, played a good game as guard and went through the entire game without committing a personal foul.

Lineups: Burnsville Boys—Banks 12, Buchanan 11, Hensley 6, Harris 2, Lewis 11. Subs: Ray 4, Wheeler 8, Randolph, Wells 17. Subs: Horton, McDowell, Buckner.

Lineups: Burnsville Girls—Brown 18, Briggs 22, McCurry 6, Bennett 4, L. Gardner, Berry. Subs: Angel, I. Gardner, Woody. Bald Creek Girls—Robinson 14, Ledford 8, Foxx 14, Ayers, Pate Hylemon. Subs: Bailey, Thomas.

### Six Convicts Draw Additional Terms

Six convicts who escaped from a Yancey County prison camp road gang in September and robbed a motorist of his car at gunpoint were given additional sentences last week in Yancey Superior Court.

Judge J. Will Pless of Marion sentenced Wayne P. Joyce, 26, of Pilot Mountain to two to five years in state prison, and Herman Patterson, 25, of Shelby to three to five years in state prison.

The other four men were each given sentences of five to eight years. They were Dayton Watt, 28, of Whiteville; Raymond Gilley, 30, of Big Stone Gap, Va.; Carl R. Roberts, 33, of Orlando, Fla.; and John Wood Jr., 31, of New York City.

The cast of characters are as follows: Gerald Gerardo, Geneva Collis, Janet Sie Gerardo, Barbara Hughes, Jessie Riddle, Betty Lou Peterson, Lauri Phillips, Nadine Whitson, Dwight McCurry, Donald Canipe, Ebise Tipton, Jim Evans, A. J. Laws, Theron Woody, Agnes Byrd and Mary Agnes Tilley.

For a fun-fest evening of entertainment, it is suggested that you attend the performance of this delightful family comedy.

The play is under the direction of Robert C. Howell.

### UF Reaches 76 Percent Of Goal

Yancey United Fund contributions have reached 76 per cent of the goal for the various health, welfare and character building agencies, according to R. K. Helms, president of the organization.

The drive opened on Oct. 22, with the announced goal of \$9,200. Around \$7,800 has been collected to date and there are contributions still to be reported.

The United Fund still lacks some \$2,200 needed for relief to stricken families, for the Red Cross, for 4-H club work and other equally worthwhile projects.

The services of the United Appeal agencies are vitally needed. The budget represents the minimum needs of these agencies, and without the full quota, there will be needless loss of opportunity for service to the community.

In last year's drive, only 80 per cent of the goal was raised. This year's budget goal is \$2,100 less than the first fund raising campaign in the county, and with the full support of every citizen, the final 24 per cent can be reached to put this year's drive over the top.

### Clearmont Juniors To Present Play

The Junior Class of Clearmont High School will present "Meet Me In St. Louis" on Wednesday evening, December 5th at 8 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The play is based on the best-selling novel by Sally Benson,

which involves a typical American family at the turn of the century.

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