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## Fire Department Kept Busy During Week

Fire Chief Bob Hilliard of the Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department has reported three fires during the past week.

Saturday morning, the firemen were called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Pate near the Duplan Plant in Burnsville. Fire broke out in the Pate home around 10 a. m.

Chief Hilliard estimated the damage at \$200. Cause of the fire was a defective flue in the kitchen, he said, and only the kitchen area was damaged.

## Burnsville Splits Games With Bee Log

The Burnsville High School basketball teams and the Bee Log teams each took one game at Bee Log, Friday Nov. 30. The Bee Log girls won by a score of 63-51. The Burnsville boys won their game 44-42.

Tipton got 41 points for the Bee Log girls. Judy Briggs got 21 for the losers.

Frank Howard Lewis got 17 points for the Burnsville boys. Donald Banks got 16. Dean Wheeler got 20 for the losers.

Lineups: Burnsville Girls—Brown 8, Briggs 21, Bennett 7, Woody Berry, Gardner. Subs: McCurry 13, Angel.

Bee Log Girls—Randolph 5, Tipton 41, Edwards 17, L. Silvers, S. Silvers, Phillips. Subs: Peterson, Edwards, Randolph.

Lineups: Burnsville Boys—Banks 16, Buchanan 3, Hensley 8, Harris, Lewis 17, Subs: Fox.

Bee Log Boys—T. Fender 1, L. Fender, D. Hensley 13, Hylemon 8, D. Wheeler 20, Subs: Hensley, Wheeler.

Burnsville and Bakersville each took one game at Bakersville Tuesday, Dec. 4. The Burnsville girls won their game by a score of 69-34. The Burnsville boys lost by a score of 65-59.

Nancey Brown got 27 points to lead the Burnsville girls. McKinney led Bakersville with 17 points.

Lineups: Burnsville Girls—Brown 27, Briggs 20, Bennett 11, McCurry 6, Woody, L. Gardner, Berry, Angel.

Bakersville Girls—Phillips 2, McKinney 17, Buchanan 13, J. Buchanan, Webb, Ollis.

Forbes was high scorer for the Bakersville team with 27 points. Frank Lewis led the Burnsville team with 17.

Lineups: Burnsville Boys—Banks 11, Buchanan 15, Hensley 10, Harris 2, Lewis 17, Subs: Fox 4.

Fortner 6, Bailey 16, Forbes 27, McKinney 6. Subs: Blevins.

## BRUSH CREEK COMMUNITY WINS AWARD IN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Brush Creek community was named as an "honor community" in the 1956 Western North Carolina Rural Community Development luncheon in Asheville.

The luncheon, held in the Asheville City Auditorium, was attended by over 500 farm, business and civic leaders of western North Carolina.

Brush Creek was one of eleven communities to receive awards of \$50 each. A total of \$2,150 in awards were presented to the communities in recognition of outstanding progress during the year in farm, home and community improvements.

Buladean community in Mitchell County and Cedar Mountain in Transylvania County were named top winners in the Rural Development Program. The top communities received awards of \$500 each.

Beech community in Buncombe County placed third and received a \$300 award. Whittier in Swain County received \$200 as fourth, and Union Mills in Rutherford County received \$100 as fifth.

A total of 105 organized communities in 16 western North Carolina counties participated in the community improvement program during 1956. These communities worked on a variety of projects aimed at improving rural life in general, including building community buildings, establishing rural fire departments, garbage disposal programs, cemetery clean up, church improvement, and many other projects.

George H. V. Cecil, president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, sponsors the program, stated, "these communities have reached back into the past and have recaptured the art of working together. They have developed tremendous spirit and enthusiasm. Neighborliness has reached new heights as the people of the communities have met together, played together, and worked together.

Results have not stopped with community-wide projects. Rather, the enthusiasm stirred by these projects has opened the door for projects that increase income and provide the means to live better. Farm demonstrations, tours, and programs have shown the way towards making fuller use of economic opportunities."

Dr. Paul A. Reid, Assistant Director of the State Board of Higher Education, was the principal speaker at the awards luncheon.

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## Sen. Scott Presented 4-H Award

By Bill Whitley  
Last week Sen. W. Kerr Scott received what he considered one of the highest honors of his career when he was awarded a National Alumni Award at the National 4-H convention in Chicago.

He is the first North Carolinian to win such an award.

The Tarheel Senator joined the 4-H movement in 1908 when he became a charter member of the Boy's Corn Club, which was the forerunner of the 4-H Club.

Scott continued his activity in 4-H work after he became the farm agent of Alamance County.

Among his achievements in the work was the establishment of the world's largest 4-H Registered Jersey Calf Club in Alamance County.

"Many of the people in that club," Scott said, "are now successful preachers, doctors and lawyers, and they have told me that their experiences in the club were their first lessons in thrift and personal obligations."

It is fitting that Scott was among the State's top 4-H winners this year. North Carolina is considered one of the strongest leaders in 4-H work in the Nation, receiving a total of 12 National awards this year.

## March Of Dimes Campaign To Start January 1

Everton B. Powell, Burnsville, chairman of the Yancey County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and Robert L. Jones, Charlotte, state representative for the National today that a separate March of Dimes will be held throughout Yancey County in January, and that the county chapter is not participating in the Yancey United Fund campaign.

Mr. Powell, who will direct the county-wide March of Dimes in January, stated that the announcement is being made to prevent misunderstanding since the Yancey United Fund has said that a percent of its collections would be for polio.

"No county chapter of the National Foundation participates in joint fund raising anywhere in the nation, and the executive committee of the Yancey County Chapter is in accord with this nationwide policy," Mr. Powell said.

"Our local committee has at no time authorized the United Fund to collect funds for our chapter," he continued.

The Executive Committee of the Yancey County Chapter is composed of the following Burnsville citizens: Everton B. Powell, chairman; Dr. C. M. Whisnant, vice chairman; Fred Proffitt, treasurer; and Miss Ethel Boone, secretary.

Mr. Powell said that the local chapter of the National Foundation wishes success to the United Fund in its program for those agencies which can willingly and desirably participate, but that he felt the giving-public know that the March of Dimes is not included in the federated campaign.

He felt that a statement to this effect now will prevent future misunderstanding community controversy.

Mr. Powell concluded his statement by pointing out that the fight against polio is not yet finished in that approximately one half of the children and young adults in the nation have not yet received the Salk vaccine, and in that, 80,000 stricken patients for whom the vaccine came too late still need help on the road to recovery.

The December schedule of Home Demonstration Club meetings in the county has been announced by Miss Sue Nottingham, home agent.

The Bald Creek Club will meet Dec. 7, at 7 p. m. at the Bald Creek Methodist Church with Mrs. Max Proffitt as hostess.

Jacks Creek Club No. 2 will meet Dec. 13, at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. W. F. Honeycutt.

Hardscrabble Club will hold a craft workshop on Dec. 14, at the home of Mrs. Lee Evans. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a. m.

Jacks Creek Club No. 1 will meet Dec. 21, at 7 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Vernie Wilson.

Brush Creek Club will meet Dec. 19, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Margaret Deyton.

The time and place of the Mica-ville Club meeting will be announced later.

The Burnsville H. D. Club will not meet this month.

## Red Cross Appeals For Relief Funds

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## Wilson Home Destroyed By Fire

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson was destroyed by fire Tuesday around 1 p. m. The Wilson residence, a 5-room pine frame structure, was located on Schronce's Creek near Swiss.

Mrs. Wilson was at home at the time the fire broke out. By the time she had called her husband in from the field where he was working, the flames had gained considerable headway.

Neighbors were called to help put out the blaze, but the pine building burned so rapidly that the attempts were futile. The cause of the fire is undetermined.

The house was completely destroyed along with all the furniture and clothing. It was reported that the house was covered by only a very small amount of insurance.

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## Postal Official Presents Keys To Postmaster

Formal opening of the new Burnsville Post Office took place Saturday afternoon in front of the building recently completed by the L. E. Briggs family.

Postmaster G. Leslie Hensley introduced the out of town guests and briefly reviewed the history of postal service in Burnsville.

Mayor Reece McIntosh gave the welcoming address.

The dedication address was made by R. G. Hawn, manager of District Two of the Post Office Department, Charlotte. Hawn was introduced by Postal Inspector Harwood Hall, Asheville, who also spoke briefly.

Hawn said that the new building here is another example of the progress in postal operations in America.

He explained the lease-purchase program of the Post Office Department and cited the progress made in postal service under this program.

The dedication program also included the singing of "America", led by Mrs. R. K. Helmle. The invocation was given by the Rev. Worth B. Royal, pastor of Higgins Memorial Methodist Church.

The keys of the new building were formally presented to Hensley by Hawn, and the ribbon on the entrance to the building was cut by Miss Jeannie Ray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ray of Burnsville.

At the close of the program, refreshments were served in the lobby of the new building by Mrs. G. Leslie Hensley, Mrs. Ernest Briggs and Mrs. James Ray.

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## Six Robberies In One Week Reported To Sheriff Hall

Sheriff Terry Hall has reported six robberies and one attempted robbery in Burnsville and the county last week.

During the lunch-hour last Thursday, between 12 and 12:45 p. m., two insurance agencies were robbed of a total \$1,381.85 in cash and checks.

Robert C. Presnell and C. M. Bailey, operators of the Burnsville Insurance Agency in the Law Building, reported their office was robbed of \$1,114.85 in checks and cash, \$387.97 of that being in cash.

The theft was discovered by Mrs. Faye W. Boone when she returned to the office at 12:45 p. m. after lunch. The robbers had apparently gained access to the office from an adjoining office

and had found the key to the safe. The cash box had been removed from the safe and the contents taken.

During the same period on Thursday, thieves entered the Yancey Insurance Agency, operated by Fred Proffitt, and took \$267. in cash from a drawer of a filing cabinet.

The Yancey agency is located in the Briggs Building, above the new Post Office location. Proffitt told officers the robbers apparently opened the door to his office by ripping the lock with a thin-bladed instrument.

On Saturday night about 7:30, Sheriff Hall was called to the Roy Buckner store at Bald Creek to investigate a robbery which occurred while Buckner was away from the store for a short period of time. Hall said that about \$8.00 was taken from the cash register, some cigarettes, candy and other items of merchandise. The thieves had entered the store by breaking a window pane and unlocking the window.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Austin on Hardscrabble near Bald Creek was robbed of \$150. cash Saturday night while the Austins were away from home. Mr. Austin discovered the loss when he returned home Sunday night and found his house ransacked. Sheriff Hall stated the thieves had entered the house through a window.

Between 9 and 11 p. m. the same night, Proffitt's Feed and Seed Store, a separate building located directly behind the main Proffitt's Store building at Bald Creek was broken into. Several dollars in cash were taken from the cash register and some wrenches were missing from the TV repair shop in the rear of the building. Other items taken as yet are determined.

The thieves entered the Feed and Seed Store while the main store was still open for business. Sheriff Hall said that the building was locked and the robbers had broken a window to make their entry.

Another Bald Creek store belonging to Bob Tate was broken into on Saturday or Sunday night, Sheriff Hall reported. A broken window through which the thieves entered was discovered Monday morning, and the items taken have not been determined. No money was taken since the cash box was removed from the store over the week-end.

Thieves attempted a robbery at Pete's Super Market in Burnsville around 4: a. m. Sunday morning. Hall said the robbers had entered the building through a window in the Snack Bar in the same building. Apparently when they opened the door, the burglar alarm went off, frightening them away.

The thefts are being investigated by Sheriff Hall.

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