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## Demonstration Farmers Named On Rotation Plan

A meeting of newly selected demonstration farmers and their wives was held in the Farm Office Wednesday night to make plans for their five-year program of farming.

Farmers selected for the five-year period, replacing five who are retiring from a similar period of demonstration farming, are Oliver McMahan of the Pensacola section, a truck and nursery farmer; Jay

Dayton, Jacks Creek section, general farming and dairying; Ray Higgins, Jacks Creek general farming and dairying; Howard Garland, Brush Creek dairying; Clifford Hensley, Banks Creek, truck farming; and Landon Honeycutt, poultryman, Swiss.

The new demonstration farmers made plans for records in the meeting which will give a picture of improvements during their period. They set up a schedule of their present income and expenses on the farm and made plans and set goals for proposed income and improvements on the same farm for the five-year period of their demonstration farming.

At the present time, according to E. L. Dillingham, there are sixteen demonstration farmers in Yancey County. Four of these are on a long term experiment and the remainder are of five-year periods and will be replaced by other farmers at the end of their periods of demonstration farming.

Demonstration farmers are selected by the Demonstration Farm Committee in the county from applications received. They are selected according to location, type of farm and other reasons. They have an advantage over other farmers in that they are closely supervised, aided in making plans and given discounts on materials.

However, on the other side of the ledger, they are required to keep strict records of their activities, income and expenses, and are used farms that reflect the advantages as "show case" or experimental of modern and closely supervised farms.

Mr. Dillingham said that the limit set on demonstration farmers for the county required that many good farmers be dropped for replacement by the five-year rule and that any farmer could make application for the program through the Farm Agent's Office.

## Presbyterian Church Will Sell Christmas Trees

For the fourth straight year, the men's organization of the Burnsville Presbyterian Church will sell Frazer Balsam Fir Christmas trees.

Trees will go on sale Friday, Dec. 14, on the square in Burnsville and at the following stores: Roberts Chevrolet, Lacy Johnson's Store, Peterson Super Market, Farmers Federation and George Robinson's Grocery.

This year's supply of trees is the best the church has ever had to offer, reports Lewis Damer, president of the men's group. Prices will range from \$2.00 to \$4.00. Regular customers are urged to purchase their trees early due to a limited supply of trees this year.

Funds secured from the sale of Christmas trees will be for maintaining church buildings and facilities.

The monthly orthopedic clinic for the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey District will be held Wednesday, December 15. This clinic will be held in the new Health Center in Burnsville, rather than in Spruce Pine. Plans are to hold every third orthopedic clinic in Burnsville. Dr. J. Bruce Galloway of Asheville will be the specialist in charge, and patients should register sometime during the morning.

## MANY SCOUTS ADVANCED AT COURT OF HONOR HELD AT MICAVILLE

The monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Mayland District was held on Dec. 6 in the Micaville Presbyterian Church. Harold Van Day of Spruce Pine, district advancement chairman, presided. The court clerk was Jim Bailey, the colors were advanced by Jim Young, and the Pledge to the Flag was led by Tarp Young, all of Troop 9, Micaville. The invocation was given by the Rev. Hershley Longnecker, pastor of the church.

The award of Tenderfoot rank was presented by Robert M. Garner of Asheville, Field Scout Executive with the Daniel Boone Council, to the following Scouts:

Clarence Hall, Jr., Douglas Huskins, and Norris Gornito, all of Troop 1, Burnsville; Jack C. Hawley and Emerson Barkdale of Troop 1, Spruce Pine; Gary C. Fender, Steve Young, Donald Hensley, Clarence Buchanan, and Jason Silver, all of Troop 9, Micaville; Joé Bennett, Tommy Shuford, O. Dean Geuge, Terry Lee McIntyre, Albert Ballew, Robert Carroway, John P. Selstrom, Richard Byrd, Royce and Grover D. McKinney of Troop 23, Altapass.

The award of Second Class rank was presented by William L. Smith of Spruce Pine to Danny Vance of Troop 1, Spruce Pine, and to T. Bruce Biddix, Philip A. Pittman and Calvin J. Pittman, all of Troop 23, Altapass.

The award of First Class rank was presented by the Rev. Mr. Longnecker to Charles H. Hefner of Troop 23, Altapass, and to the following Scouts of Troop 9, Micaville: William Donnie Wilson, Charles English, Charles Bailey, Tarp Young, Jim Bailey, Emory Thomas and Jim Young.

The award of Star rank was presented by Dr. Cameron McRae of Burnsville, district commissioner, to Gene Robinson of Troop 11,

Bakersville.

The Rev. Melvin C. Swicegood of Bakersville presented Merit Badges to the following Scouts:

Eddie Connelly (safety), Freddy Connelly (citizenship in the community), Bobby McNeill (citizenship in the community, home repair, and forestry), W. Douglas Greene (citizenship in the nation), Alan McMurray (nature), and Johnny Pendley (music), all of Troop 1, Spruce Pine.

Roger Garland (public speaking), James Robinson (cooking), Phil Young (home repairs), Phillip Gage (home repairs), and Gene Robinson (citizenship in the home, public speaking, athletics, animal industry, and farm machinery), all of Troop 11, Bakersville.

S. Mamon Thompson (swimming) of Troop 19, Ingalls Charles Hafner (home repairs, and cooking), Wesley McMurray (music, first aid, firemanship), both of Troop 23, Altapass.

Scoutmasters present included: Herman Bostian, Troop 1, Burnsville; Davis M. Nichols and Frank Biddix, assistant, Troop 1, Spruce Pine; Max Hughes, Floyd Wilson and Jeter Blalock, assistants Troop 9, Micaville; Rev. Melvin C. Swicegood, Troop 11, Bakersville; Philip N. Nordstrom, Troop 18, Celio; Ernest Davenport and Charles Wiseman, assistant, Troop 19 Ingalls; Jim Duncan, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 17, Ledger; and Dick Frizzelle, Troop 23, Altapass.

Following adjournment of the Court of Honor, a meeting of the Mayland District Committee was held. Harry Lantz of Spruce Pine, district chairman, presided.

The next Court of Honor will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday, January 3, in the Celio Methodist Church.



WENDELL THOMAS

## Latest Book By Wendell Thomas Off the Press

New York — The "Communist Party advance can be halted by a democracy both political and economic," says author-teacher Wendell Thomas in "Toward a More Democratic Social Order," published by Exposition Press of New York on Monday, Dec. 10th.

In his latest book, Mr. Thomas, now a homesteader and philosophical writer in Celio, North Carolina, asserts that such a democracy "requires a residential land-holding community, broadly religious, as a foundation. . . It requires the assignment of land to individual owners for good use, plus a system of money based on labor, and a way of protecting the consumer from exploitation while using capital creatively in a world fellowship of nations."

Born in Hardwick, Vermont, in 1896, and educated in this country and abroad, Mr. Thomas holds three degrees — B. Sc., S. T. M. and Ph. D. He has taught at the University of the Punjab in India, the College of the City of New York, the University of Hawaii, the Friends Select School and the University of Bridgeport. His previous published books are: "Hinduism Invades America," "A Democratic Philosophy" and "On the Resolution of Science and Faith."

"His wife, Dorothy Thomas, is consulting librarian for Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties.

## Dry Weather Curtailed Tobacco Sales By Few Days

The sale of burley tobacco continues to climb in price, however, the quantity received by the warehouses in this area has not been great because of the dry weather.

Several farmers in Yancey County have received well above 64 cents average for their crops, and one or two sales have been heard of that brought 65 cents or above.

The overall income from tobacco this year will rival last year's income, with unfavorable weather conditions early in the season causing loss of pounds. Some farmers have reported a higher income from their acreage this season because of higher prices, although, they were not satisfied with the weight harvested from the allotment.

It has been estimated that less than half the country's crop has been marketed to date due to the dry weather which has stopped grading and handing for several days. Several producers, however, are now taking advantage of the damp mornings and are packing their tobacco so that grading work can be carried on through the day. And if conditions become more favorable, it is thought by county farm officials that the majority of Yancey's crop will reach the sales floor before closing date, December 19.

The County Agent's Office will be closed Monday, December 24, through Wednesday, December 26, for the Christmas holidays.

## Sheriff Hall Reports Eleven Arrests On Weekend

Sheriff Terry Hall reported eleven arrests during a two-day period over the week-end.

Billy Mitchell was arrested in connection with a robbery at the Nu-Way Inn around 4 a. m. Sunday. Mitchell, charged with mid-night robbery, was ordered by Solicitor C. O. Eddings of Forest City, to be held without bond until the next term of Superior Court in March.

Two arrests were made on charges of drunken driving and reckless driving, four arrests on charges of violation of prohibition laws, three arrests on charges of public drunkenness, and one arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct. All of these arrests were made Saturday and Sunday.

Another arrest was made earlier on the charge of violation of prohibition laws.

Paul Whitson of Rt. 3, Erwin, Tenn., was arrested Wednesday morning in Egypt section of Yancey County, and charged with possessing and selling illegal lottery material known as tip boards. Whitson posted \$500 bond pending trial in the March term of Superior Court.

## Adult Children May Benefit From Social Security, Nichols Says

Dependent adult children in the Yancey County area may now be able to qualify for Social Security benefits under the 1956 amendments to the Social Security law, according to D. C. Nichols, field representative of the Asheville Social Security office.

Mr. Nichols said that under the previous law, child's benefits stopped at the age of 18. Under the new law, child's benefits payable to the dependent adult children of retired or deceased insured workers if the child became totally disabled before he reached the age 18.

Mr. Nichols explained that those totally disabled children who are now drawing benefits will continue on the benefit rolls after they reach the age 18 and that others already past that age will be added when the insured person dies or becomes entitled to Old-Age Insurance benefits. In addition, the mothers of these children may receive benefits as long as they have child beneficiaries in their care.

The outstanding film, "STAGECOACH," will be presented as the December film in the movie series being sponsored this year by the South Toe River P. T. A. The film will be shown Saturday, December 15th, at 8:00 P. M. in the school auditorium.

## Poultrymen To Discuss Commercial Egg Plans

A meeting of poultrymen in the county will be held here in the County Agent's Office Friday night to discuss producing commercial eggs in the county on a wider scale. At the present time there are only four producers of commercial eggs in the county.

Since commercial eggs are imported into the county, it is believed that more producers of commercial eggs may increase farm income as well as be an asset in consumer economy.

Many of the "hatching-egg" poultrymen sell rejects as a commercial product, however, the production is not enough to eliminate imports.

Also, the meeting will be held to discuss a five-year program for commercial producers in the commercial field. It is thought that retail selling contracts may be secured for this period of time.

If such a plan can be worked out, egg producers may be able to realize a higher yearly income from their flocks.

## Rev. Jamerson Dr. McRae Named To Head Blood Program

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Yancey County Chapter of the American Red Cross was held on Dec. 7, in the Red Cross office in the courthouse.

The Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and Dr. C. F. McRae were named to serve as co-chairmen of the Red Cross Blood Recruitment Program.

The former chairman, J. J. Nowicki, who also served on the district committee of the Blood Program, resigned on Dec. 1, due to the fact that he will be away from the county for some time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Nowicki are currently in the Naval Base Hospital at Jacksonville, Fla., for treatment.

In his services in the blood program, Mr. Nowicki gave unstintingly of his time and guidance for this worthy cause. Mrs. Nowicki likewise served unselfishly and efficiently in this program.

Mr. Jamerson and Dr. McRae are both well known in the county and elsewhere as men who have given their time and interests to all good causes. In their capable hands, it is felt that a successful continuation of the Blood Program will be carried out in the local chapter.

Members of the executive committee who were present are Dover R. Fouts, chapter chairman, who presided at the meeting; Miss Ethel Boone, chapter recording secretary; Mrs. Ruby R. Smith, chapter treasurer; Mrs. Evelyn Pate, fund raising chairman; Fred Proffitt, home service chairman; Mrs. Jaunita English, member of home service committee; and H. Grady Bailey, executive secretary.

The blood Recruitment Team will be in Yancey County on Thursday, Dec. 27, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. The location will be in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Burnsville.

There is now an acute shortage of blood, and everyone who can is urged to come in on the recruitment date. It is hoped that a large number of donors will be present.

## Local Boys Win In Tobacco Show

The Jr. Tobacco Show and Sale was held at the Planters Warehouse in Asheville December 7th. In the crop display, Keith Styles of Burnsville, Route 1, won 7th prize of \$8; Stanley Hunter, Burnsville, won ninth prize of \$6; and Molly Miller, Bee Log, won tenth prize of \$5. The boys and girls were well pleased with the prices their tobacco brought. The Yancey county 4-H'ers averaged 65 cents per pound.



GUARD AGAINST NEW THREATS OF REVOLT — Russian tanks, shown above ready for action in the heart of Budapest, joined with Hungarian police in firing on groups of Hungarian demonstrators. The Soviet tanks moved in when Hungarian supporters of the puppet Kadar regime clashed with rebels. New outbreaks of violence appeared throughout the city as workers threatened strike and revolt.

## Carpet Company In Process Of Moving Equipment Here

Firth Carpet Co. Treasurer William W. Harts, Jr., according to the Wall Street Journal, has stated that the Firth Co. has had considerable expense this final quarter in developing Acrlan synthetic fibre and starting up operations in Burnsville and Puerto Rico.

The company president, Harold E. Wadley, was quoted in the Journal as saying that \$4 million already has been budgeted for a new plant and production facilities in Burnsville, due to be in operation by mid-1957.

Five trailer loads of equipment

have arrived at the local plant and more is expected in the near future, according to Harry Bowen, at present the only local Firth Co. employee.

Bowen stated that the floors will have to be prepared for setting up the equipment, a new boiler room is to be built, and a new boiler installed for processing the wool.

Firth had a net profit for 1955 of \$760,989, equal to \$1.28 a share, the Wall Street Journal stated.

The all-synthetic carpet material is expected to bring the company over \$5 million in new business during 1957. President Wadley predicts the current year's gross sales will total between \$31 million and \$32 million.

According to Mr. Wadley, Acrlan, the new synthetic material, is composed mainly of a liquid derivative of natural gas and air. It was developed jointly for carpeting by Chemstrand Corp. and Firth Carpet Co. President Wadley stated that it is the first time Firth has produced an all-synthetic fibre carpet.

The damage was estimated at \$5,000.

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By the time the firemen arrived, the house was destroyed by the blaze, Chief Hilliard said. The house was covered by a small amount of insurance.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Tipton at Micaville was completely destroyed by fire Saturday night around 7:30, according to Fire Chief Bob Hilliard.

The blaze, caused by faulty wiring, started while the Tiptons and their six children were away from home. All furniture and clothing belonging to the family were destroyed.

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## Burnsville Teams Win Two Games Each During Week

The Burnsville High School boys and girls basketball teams each won two games in the past week.

Friday Dec. 7, Burnsville played Mars Hill at Burnsville. The Burnsville girls won by a score of 54-47. The Burnsville boys defeated the Mars Hill five with a total score of 47-35.

Judy Briggs got 28 points for the Burnsville girls to lead them to the victory with the help of the guards who played an excellent game. Jo Whit got 23 for the losers.

Don Banks led the Burnsville boys team in scoring with 16 points. Raleigh Buchanan got 14 for Burnsville. Charlie Hensley played an excellent game at center and helped the Burnsville boys a great deal by his able guarding of the Mars Hill center.

Lineups: Burnsville Girls—Brown 10, Briggs 28, Bennett 9, Berry, Gardner, Woody, Subs: McCurry 7. Mars Hill Girls—Whitt 23, Leese 13, Pender 11, Hensley, Fisher, Metcalf, Subs: L. Ponder 2, G. Ponder.

Lineups: Burnsville Boys—Banks 16, Buchanan 14, Hensley 4, Harris 4, Lewis 9. Subs: Randolph.

Mars Hill Boys—Smith 13, Blackwell, Vance, Wall 6, Ponder 7. Subs: Boone, Whitt, Duck, Radford, Bradley, Roberts.

Burnsville played Newland in the Burnsville gym. Tuesday Dec. 11. Burnsville girls won by a score of 60-34, the boys by a 59-41 score.

Judy Briggs led Burnsville with 24 points, and Evaline Bennett got 14.

Frank Howard Lewis led the Burnsville boys with 20 points, and Don Banks got 13. Fenton Parker got 17 for the Newland team.

Lineups: Burnsville Girls—Brown 12, Briggs 24, McCurry 6, Angel, Berry, Woody. Subs: J. Ray 4, Bennett 14, M. Ray, Gardner, Randolph, Banks, Shepherd, Anglin.

Newland Girls—Ford 10, Wise 4, Gragg 14, Calvert, Turbyfill, Vance. Subs: Hensley, Isaacs 2, Nance, Andrews.

Lineups: Burnsville Boys—Banks 13, Buchanan 14, Healey 8, Harris 2, Lewis 20. Subs: Ray, Fox 6, Wheeler 2, Randolph 2. Officials were: Walters and Pittillo.

Newland Boys—Holden 2, Parker 17, Sturgil 2, Blalock 6, Blackburn 3. Subs: Hensley 11, Banner, Johnson, Childers, Daniels.

Burnsville will play Clearmont at Burnsville Friday, Dec. 14.

The Rev. Warren S. Reeve announces that he will preach on Sunday, December 16th, at the 11 A. M. service in the Presbyterian Church, on the subject, "The Ones Who Were Ready for Christmas."