

Police Chief Ralph Peterson In Critical Condition After Shooting

Few Donate Blood, But County Well Represented

Thirty persons were accepted as donors during the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile to the First Baptist Church in Burnsville on December 27. Seven others volunteered but were disqualified for medical reasons.

The small number of donors appeared to be due to the timing of this visit (only two days after Christmas), according to the chairman of the Blood Donor Program in Yancey County, the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and Dr. Cameron F. McRae.

REV. W. M. HYDE TO PREACH IN PRESBYTERIAN PULPIT

The Rev. Wesley M. Hyde of Swannanoa will conduct the service and preach the sermon at the morning worship in the Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. on Sunday, January 6th. The pastor, Rev. Warren S. Reeve, and Mrs. Reeve, are away on a short vacation, visiting with their daughter, Joan, in Philadelphia.

The men of the church will meet for their monthly breakfast Sunday morning at 8 o'clock.

Yancey Lists 154 With Dun & Bradstreet

Each January business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statement. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will approximate three million, with over 150 going to Yancey County businessmen.

The growth and the industrial development of Yancey County is reflected in statistics just released by the credit reporting firm, Thomas E. Kane, Manager at Knoxville, which covers this area, says that this year there will be more requests for financial statements made of business concerns in Yancey County than usual.

The Yancey County section of the current issue of Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book contains listings of 154 local names comprising manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. It does not include some of the service and "professional" businesses such as barber and beauty shops, real estate and stock brokers. Thus the figure for businesses in Yancey County would actually be higher than the 154 quoted above.

During 1957, Dun & Bradstreet estimates they will be required to make about 70 changes in the listings of business enterprises in Yancey County. These changes will result from adding the names of new businesses, and deleting the names of those who have discontinued; as well as accounting for changes in ownership, trade names and credit ratings.

Better than 95 percent of all commercial transactions in the United States are made on credit terms and the buyer and the seller are brought together by means of credit information.

When the owner of a business or his accountant returns his financial statement to Dun & Bradstreet, the owner has taken the first step in establishing his responsibility as a seeker of credit.

The statement becomes a part of the credit report on his business along with a financial analysis, a description of what the business does and a record of how it pays the bills.

On the basis of the information in the record, a rating is assigned and the businessman is listed in the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book. This makes it possible for his suppliers and insurance underwriters, who use the book to look him up and in this way he is

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chairman of the Blood Donor Program in Yancey County, the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson and Dr. Cameron F. McRae.

Mrs. Luther Banks was in charge of the canteen, assisted by Mrs. A. Z. Jamerson, Miss Lois Harris, Mrs. Vance Hensley, and Miss Phyllis Owens. Other volunteer workers were Miss Mary Lou Fox, Miss Genee Bailey, Miss Vernell Harris, Mrs. Tommy Tilson, Miss Geraldine Briggs, Mrs. George Murdock, and Mrs. Jess Howell. Mrs. Howell and Dr. McRae checked the prospective donors.

The following persons gave blood: — Charles Harold Anglin, Mrs. Luther J. Banks, Mrs. Brooks Boone, The Rev. Steve Clark, Oscar W. Deyton, Mrs. Julia Edwards, Ossie Edwards, Mrs. Sol J. Harris, Vance Hensley, Horace Higgins, Lawrence R. Higgins, Philip J. Howell, Arthur Hughes, Clarence Laws.

Dr. Cameron F. McRae, George Murdock, Dr. and Mrs. Elpenor R. Ohle, Mrs. B. R. Penland, Mrs. J. Max Penland, L. V. Pollard, Max Proffitt, Mrs. Roy Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Schwintzer, Mrs. W. Howard Simpson, George Tomberlin, Mrs. Maxine Turbyfill, Mrs. Edith Wilson, Howard M. Wright.

The Rev. Mr. Clark, pastor of the South Estate Baptist Church, became a member of the Gallon Club.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports six births and twenty-three other admissions during the past two weeks.

The births include a son, Marvin Jack, born Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Keener of Pensacola; a daughter, Janice Kay, born Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCurry of Green Mtn.; a daughter, Maxine, born Dec. 21 to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Blankenship of Pensacola.

A daughter, Janice Marie, born Dec. 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cannon of Relief; a daughter, Judy Kay, born Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. James Arrowood of Bee Log; and a son, Roy Randall, born Dec. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stiles of Rt. 1, Burnsville.

Other admissions include Jake Buckner, Julia Banks and Rebecca Edwards of Burnsville; Laura Rathburn of Star Rt.; Kate Bailey of Rt. 1; Mary Higgins, Cecil Bodford and Jean Robinson of Rt. 2; Carolyn Penland, Mary Rose Silvers and Larry King of Rt. 3; Alvin Randolph, Jr. of Rt. 4.

Also Doris Burton and Linda Ann Neill of Bald Creek; Dovie McCurry and Larry Fox of Green Mtn.; Ruth Grindstaff of Bandana; Earl Hughes of Relief; Shurrill Frye and Hosea Willis of Bakersville; Mack Pittman of Spruce Pine; Wilma King of Marion; and Melvin Nyberg of Clinton, S. C.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR SCHEDULED

The monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Mayland District will be held at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, January 3, in the Celo Methodist Church. All Scouts and their parents and friends are asked to attend. The Mayland District is made up of the counties of Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey.

Burnsville Cagers Have Good Record To Date

By Frank Howard Lewis and Gerald Murdock

The Burnsville Boys basketball team now has a record of 6 games won and 1 loss. The boys only loss came at Bakersville. They have defeated Bee Log twice, Bald Creek, Newland, Mars Hill, and Clearmont.

The starting lineup for the boys is:

Donald Banks, a senior, is captain of the team. Don is a forward with a point per game average of 14. He is 6 ft. 1 in. tall.

Raleigh Buchanan, a junior, is 6 ft. 2 in. He is a forward with an average of 9.7 points.

Charlie Hensley, center for the team, is 6 ft. 2 in. He is a junior and has an average of 8.2 points per game.

Frank Howard Lewis, a guard, is a senior. He is 6 ft. tall and has an average of 13.7 points per game.

Lane Harris, guard, is a senior. He is 5 ft. 10 in. and has an average of 3.

Other members of the team are: Seniors — Tommy Ray; Juniors: Raymond Fox, Terrell Randolph, Robert Wells; Sophomores: David Wheeler. The team's average is 53 points per game to their opponents 43.

CIVIL AIR PATROL TO MEET JANUARY 10

The Civil Air Patrol will not meet tonight (Thursday) as scheduled, but will meet Thursday night, Jan. 10, at 7:30 in the City Hall. At this time, another date will be set for the weekly meetings, since Thursday interferes with other club affairs. All members are urged to be present. Applications are still being taken for three more senior officers, to be commissioned as 2nd lieutenants, according to Company Commander Carl McIntosh.

Western Carolina Extension Program Scheduled

Cullowhee, Dec. 31 — Dr. C. D. Killiam, director of extension division at Western Carolina College, has announced the schedule of off-campus courses for the winter quarter, to begin on Wednesday, January 2. The first meeting of each class will be held on its respective day thereafter.

The schedule is as follows: Wednesday, January 2 — Reading in the School Program, to be taught at Canton by Mrs. C. A. Hoyle; Arithmetic in the Elementary School, at Burnsville by Dr. Taft B. Botner.

Thursday, January 3 — Supervision of Student Teaching, Dr. Botner; and Business and Professional Speaking, Dr. Herbert Koeppe-Baker. Both courses will be taught at David Millard High School in Asheville.

Friday, January 4 — Social Studies in the School Program, at Murphy by Dr. Harold Bixler.

Saturday, January 5 — Reading Clinic, at Murphy, taught by Dr. Bixler.

Monday, January 7 — Introduction to Exceptional Children, at Bryson City by Dr. Koeppe-Baker. Dr. Killiam said the Reading Clinic and Supervision of Student Teaching are strictly graduate courses; however, all the others may be taken by advanced undergraduates as well as graduate students.

All evening classes will meet from 6:30 to 9:30, and the Saturday class will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 in the morning. Each class meets once weekly for ten consecutive weeks, and carries three quarter hours credit.

Masons Install New Officers For 1957

Officers elected for 1957 for the Bald Creek Masonic Lodge were installed at the lodge hall at Swiss Saturday night, Dec. 29th.

Frank Bowditch was installed as Worshipful Master, Lot Randolph as Senior Deacon, E. A. Gouge as Junior Deacon, E. A. Robinson as Secretary, S. L. Ponder Jr. as Senior Deacon, Howard Silver as Junior Deacon, Clarence Sparks and Walter Hawkins as Stewards.

Wade Huey of Marshall, N. C., the present District Deputy Master was the installing officer.

The Bald Creek Royal Arch Masons will have their installation Jan. 3rd in the lodge hall. Officers elected are Edd Hensley, Bill Silver, Cicero Hill, Kenneth Batty, Charlie Gibbs and Harlon Holcombe. All Master Masons are invited to attend the Royal Arch installation.

Thieves Enter Johnson & Co. Store

The Johnson & Company building in West Burnsville was broken into and robbed Friday night, sometime after the 9 p. m. closing hour.

A large plate glass window in the front of the building was broken. No money was missing and the amount of merchandise taken has not been determined except for about 30 cations of cigarettes.

Damage done to the window was estimated at \$30.

Clearmont Home Games Scheduled For Burnsville Gym

The 1957 basketball schedule has been announced for the Clearmont High School team. All home games will be played on the Burnsville court, since the Clearmont gymnasium was destroyed by fire recently.

Home games scheduled for January and February are:

Nowland team, January 7; Burnsville team, January 11; Spruce Pine team, January 22; Bakersville team, January 28; Nebo team, February 5; Micaville team, February 19.

Other games scheduled which will be played on the courts of the opposing teams are:

Cranberry team, January 15; Bald Creek team, January 18; White Rock team, January 25; Spruce Pine team, February 8; Newland team, February 22.

Laws Baby First To Arrive Here In 1957

The first new arrival in Yancey County in 1957 was a baby girl born at 8:15 Wednesday morning, January 2. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Laws of Route 1, as yet have not selected a name for their daughter.

The first new citizen in the county this year was born at the Yancey Hospital.

Dale Promoted In France

U. S. Forces, France (AHTNC) — Phillippe P. Dale, son of Mrs. Missouria Dale, Green Mountain, and the late Mr. Dale, recently was promoted to specialist third class in France, where he is a member of the Station Complement Detachment at the Notz Quartermaster's Depot.

Specialist Dale, entered the Army in October 1954 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

March Of Dimes Campaign Underway In County

Let's finish the job!

This is the theme announced by March of Dimes headquarters here for the campaign that will be carried on through January.

The "job" is two-fold: To raise funds for repair of the damage that polio has done to thousands of Americans in the past and to prevent the disease from crippling more thousands in the future.

March of Dimes spokesmen explain that an estimated 80,000 persons have been left handicapped by polio, throughout the length and breadth of the United States; and they point out that the job of conquering the disease cannot be considered finished until these patients have been helped to regain normal and productive lives.

The second objective of the campaign is to promote the widest possible use of the Salk vaccine, which was developed under March of Dimes sponsorship, and which has been proven safe and effective many millions of times over.

Commenting on the 16,000 cases of polio reported in 1956, Basil O'Connor, president of the March of Dimes organization said:

"We of the March of Dimes are determined that 1957 shall not see a repetition of the polio record of 1956. Even so, we know there will be attacks of the disease, and we must provide for the care of all who need it."

"We must also remember," Mr. O'Connor added, "those persons for whom the vaccine came too late. When we give to the March of Dimes, we are helping those who need help and protecting those who don't."

Sgt. Boone In Kansas Maneuvers

Fort Riley, Kan. (AHTNC) — Sergeant First Class Ottaway B. Boone, 38, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boone, Micaville, N. C., recently participated with the 16th Infantry Regiment in "Red Arrow," an Army maneuver at Fort Riley, Kan.

Sergeant Boone, a platoon sergeant in the Heavy Mortar Company, entered the Army in January 1941 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C. He wears the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart. His wife, Genevieve, lives in Ogden, Kan.

Proffitt Turns Gun On Self After Wounding Peterson

Burnsville Police Chief Ralph Peterson, 52, who was shot in the chest and head early Monday, remained unconscious and in critical condition yesterday in Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville. Peterson was shot by Eugene Proffitt, 20, of Route 1, Burnsville, after Chief Peterson had cautioned the youth about a noisy muffler on his car, due to the statewide law prohibiting mufflers that make excessive noise. It was reported that Peterson told Proffitt that he would give him until Monday afternoon to have the muffler changed.

Following an argument over

M. Sgt Luther Ray Honored

Fort Meade, Md., Dec. 28 — Master Sergeant Luther B. Ray of Burnsville, N. C., was chosen here as "Top Recruiter" of Detachment Number Five, Second Army Recruiting District located in Roanoke, Va. for the period January through October.

The top recruiter was chosen by a board of officers and enlisted men from all qualified men of the Roanoke area. Each individual was given an oral and written examination to test his knowledge of the current recruiting program and recruiting directives. He was tested on his ability to speak before an audience. His personality and poise were taken into consideration and, of course, his enlistment record was counted. Sergeant Ray enlisted 59 men into the Regular Army during a nine month period.

Sergeant Ray served with Company C, 23rd Tank Battalion, 12th Armored Division from 1943 to 1946. He was a Military Policeman from 1946 to 1954. The sergeant has been on recruiting duty since July 1954 and is presently in the Staunton, Va. recruiting station. He wears the Bronze Star Medal awarded for Valor during World War II.

Sergeant Ray lives with his wife, Shirley, in Staunton.

MOTOR COMPANY MOVES TO NEW LOCATION

Banks-Taylor Motor Company moved Monday to a new building in East Burnsville. The new location is at the intersection of Highway 19-E and the Bill Allen Branch Road.

Ralph Dellinger has a repair shop in the building.

the muffler, Proffitt fired several shots at the officer, then turned the gun and shot himself in the head.

Sheriff Terry Hall said the shooting took place on the Burnsville square around 1:30 Monday morning. There were no immediate witnesses to the shooting, he said.

Both Peterson and Proffitt were taken to the Yancey Hospital by Burdette Allen and Bobby Joe Hensley, and soon after, were taken to the hospital in Asheville. Allen and Hensley were said to have arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting.

Unconscious since the shooting, Chief Peterson has bullets lodged in his head and chest. The first bullet to hit Peterson glanced off a rib and ranged into the abdomen. The second one struck him in the left temple, just behind the eye and lodged above the right eye.

Proffitt was quoted by Hall as saying that he shot himself twice. The first bullet missed and glanced over the top of his head, and the second shot entered behind the right ear and lodged about two inches above the left eye. Proffitt is reported to be in fair condition.

Sheriff Hall reported that he found the weapon, a 9-shot .22 caliber pistol, on the seat of Proffitt's 1946 car, and found a holster in the glove compartment. Hall quoted Proffitt as saying that he did not own the pistol.

Sheriff Hall is withholding charges pending the outcome of Peterson's wounds. He said a guard has been posted at Proffitt's door at the hospital.

Proffitt is under a two-year Federal probation term for liquor law violation, Hall said.

Chief Peterson had been called from his home, Sheriff Hall said, after someone reported hearing four shots fired near the Yancey Hospital. Hall said he has established, after talking with witnesses, that Proffitt fired the four shots into the air following an argument with other men about his girl friend.

The argument was continued on the town square, Hall said, where Chief Peterson found Proffitt and warned him about the loud muffler.

Chief Peterson's daughter, Mrs. Marvin A. Lovelace, has arrived here from her home in Massachusetts; and his son, Clifford Peterson, who is employed in Fairbanks, Alaska, has been unable to get passage home due to the heavy winter storms.

APPLICATION FOR NEW FARM ALLOTMENTS

"Application for New Farm Allotment" will be filed with the county office not later than February 15, 1957, unless the farm operator was discharged from the Armed Services subsequent to December 31, 1956, in which case such application shall be filed within a reasonable period prior to planting tobacco on the farm.

Reminders — Most farmers are returning their tobacco sales cards promptly but there are a few who are not doing so. Please return these cards as soon as possible after sales have been made.

As the year of 1956 comes to an end we wish to thank all the people, especially the farmers, who have visited our office during the year for making our work here as pleasant as possible. Our job in the ASC Office is to serve you and serve you we will in any way we can.



THE BOMB BEARERS — Members of the New York City Police bomb squad, wearing special equipment and clothing, hoist the latest of the "Mad Bomber's" contraptions into a special truck. The bomb device was found in a telephone booth in busy Grand Central Station. The city will offer a \$25,000 reward for the "Mad Bomber" who has plagued New York with more than 30 bombs in the last 16 years.