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Work On 19E Scheduled By Highway Department

Work is scheduled to begin this year on the complete rebuilding of Highway 19-E between Burnsville and Spruce Pine. Funds have been set aside by the State Highway Commission to rebuild this portion of 19-E to modern standards. This is one of several highway projects in Western North Carolina, part of the states \$71,615,000 highway construction program for 1957, according to Highway Chairman A. H. Graham.

Farm Activities Should Be Planned Now

With the harvest season over, now is an excellent time to make plans for the farm operations for the coming year. Well prepared plans include an evaluation of the work of the past year.

"Why did one field do better than the other, when both were seeded to the same crop? Why did one field erode more than the other when both had the same slope? How could soil erosion be prevented in certain fields? Which fields need to be drained and how should they be drained? Which fields should be limed and how much lime do they need? Should the crop rotation systems be changed? Which fields are best suited for hay and pasture, which for row crops?"

These are several of the questions farmers are asking themselves each year. How can they find the answers? Their county Soil Conservation Service representative may assist them in answering many of these problems.

He can have a soil map made of the farm to determine the different soil types and classes of land. He can provide technical assistance in laying out contour strips, drainage lines, farm ponds, and other structural practices. He will be glad to show farmers how to take soil samples so that the samples will reflect the needs of the land in relation to the crops to be grown.

The soil conservationist will provide for the farmer a soil conservation plan written in clear language, explaining how to rotate his crops for better yields and less erosion. This plan will also show how and when to prepare land for hay and pasture seedings. The plan will contain only what the farmer plans to do after he and the soil conservationist have been over the farm together and discussed the farming problems.

The soil conservation plan is a guide to future farming operations for increased yields and the control of soil erosion.

These services are provided to farmers in Yancey County through the Yancey County Soil Conservation District.

Cecil Honeycutt, who was injured recently in a hunting accident, has returned to his home here from Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville.

Estimated cost of \$1,575,000. More accurate figures of the cost will not be available until the location surveys have been completed and working drawings prepared.

The first phase of the project will be the relocation and paving of a five-mile link from a point east of the Yancey-Mitchell County line to Spruce Pine, at present the most dangerous section of the highway over Chalk Mountain.

Of particular interest to residents of Yancey County are the two projects, both in this county, included for the 1957-58 fiscal year. These projects will be the grading, structures, right-of-way and paving of 19-E from the Yancey-Mitchell line to Micaville, a link of 4.9 miles, at an estimated cost of \$550,000; and from Micaville to Burnsville, a link of 4.5 miles, at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Field engineers of the Highway Commission will not begin construction of these projects, however, until the first link has been completed.

J. Fleming Snipes of the State Highway Commission's thirteenth district has executive charge of the project. W. M. Corkill is division engineer and R. T. Mitchell is locating engineer.

Policeman Peterson Undergoes Surgery Again

Burnsville Police Chief Ralph Peterson underwent surgery in an Asheville hospital Tuesday morning for the purpose of removing a bullet from his head. The bullet was inflicted by Eugene Proffitt, 20, of Route 1, early on the morning of Dec. 31.

In an operation on Monday of last week, one of Peterson's eyes was removed. Hospital authorities reported that he is now totally blind, although it was hoped that he might have partial vision. Peterson's condition remains fair. Proffitt, who also was hospitalized in Asheville after firing a bullet into his own head, is expected to be released from the hospital next week if his condition remains good.

Upon his release from the hospital, Proffitt will either have to post \$6,000 bond or be imprisoned in the Buncombe County jail, according to Sheriff Terry Hall.

Proffitt will be given a preliminary hearing as soon as his condition will permit, Hall said.



QUESTIONED ABOUT MISSING DOCUMENTS — Col. John C. Nickerson, Jr., Chief of a branch of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at the Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Ala., is among the officers being questioned about missing secret documents. The documents contained guided missile information which appears to have fallen into unauthorized hands in an apparent "violation of security regulations."

Driver Injured In Truck Crash

A truck loaded with furniture crashed into a bank on U. S. 19E near Burnsville Saturday night. The driver, Marvin Robinson, 28, of Augusta, Ga., lost control of the truck on a curve, sideswiped another truck and crashed into the bank.

The State Highway Patrol said Robinson was lost and got on the Burnsville highway by mistake. His truck collided with another truck driven by Clyde Banks, 44, of Rt. 3, Burnsville, who escaped injury.

Robinson suffered head and neck injuries. He was brought to the Yancey Hospital for treatment. George Shanks, also of Augusta, who was riding with Robinson, was hospitalized only for a short time.

Robinson was charged with reckless driving.

Workmen were not able to locate the truck until late Sunday.

Mrs. Reeve, Former Missionary to Japan Speaks To Women

Mrs. Warren S. Reeve spoke to the Burnsville Woman's Club at its regular meeting last Thursday evening at the Community Building.

Mrs. Reeve, wife of the Presbyterian minister, spoke on the various religions of Japan, both ancient and modern. Mrs. Reeve and her husband spent approximately 10 years in Japan as missionaries.

On display were articles of clothing, china, and other items of interest which Mrs. Reeve had brought with her from Japan. Included in the display were other Japanese articles collected by Mrs. Ernest Briggs.

The president, Mrs. R. K. Helme, presided over a short business session, and reports were given by the various committee chairmen.

Mrs. Ernest Briggs gave a report of an article on Woman's Clubs from Life magazine, and also reported that a weekly television program, presented by the Federation of Woman's Clubs, may now be seen over NBC-TV on Monday morning of each week and also on the first Wednesday in each month.

An oriental dessert course was served by the hostesses, Miss Ethel Boone, Mrs. Dover Fouts, Mrs. Rush Wray and Mrs. Ernest Briggs.

Applications For Local CAP Being Processed

Civil Air Patrol applications have been received, according to Company Commander Carl McIntosh, and have been turned over to the Air Force for processing. Upon completion, orders will be cut and the local squadron will be activated.

There will be no further meetings here, Mr. McIntosh said, until orders arrive and the squadron is activated. Notice of time and place of the next meeting will be published in this newspaper.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports one birth this week, a daughter, not yet named, born Jan. 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitson of Green Mountain.

Thirteen persons were admitted to the hospital during the past week. They were: Norris Deyton, Janet Bailey, Jimmy Young and Harold Butner, all of Burnsville; Zella Deyton and Samuel J. Tolley of Green Mtn.; Mildred Robinson and Shirley Pittman of Rt. 3, Burnsville; Emma Jane Stevens of Celso; Frank McKinney and Kenneth Huskins of Bakersville; Marvin Robinson and George Shanks of Augusta, Ga.

Stray Dog Problem Discussed By County Leaders

Plans to reduce damage done by stray dogs by the employment of a dog warden were discussed at a meeting of health authorities, county officials, civic and business leaders, and farmers here on Jan. 10.

The meeting was sponsored by the livestock producers of the county in cooperation with the agriculture workers' Council.

The present State-wide dog warden and vaccination laws were explained and the work in other counties cited.

Facts showing the increased income that could be expected from the increased production of livestock, especially sheep, were brought out. The increased income, agriculture leaders pointed out, would be equal to or exceed a new industrial plant in the county.

The health officials pointed out that this county had been extremely fortunate that it has not had a rabies outbreak and that the risk from this was extremely great, especially to small children, resulting in unnecessary human suffering as well as a great economic loss.

County officials are considering the possibility of employing a dog warden and are anxious to get the public sentiment regarding the project.



GETS DEGREE . . . U. S. ambassador to Germany James E. Conant wears traditional garb as he was given honorary doctorate of natural science by University of Hamburg.

Jacks Creek Community Elects Officers

The Jacks Creek Community Club met Monday night, Jan. 14. Mrs. Ed Hunter presented the devotional, and the president, J. B. Stamey, was in charge of the program.

New officers elected to serve are Ed Hunter, president; Ray Higgins, vice president; Mrs. Bruce Bailey, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. O. Briggs, reporter; Mrs. Vernie Wilson, song leader; and Harold Higgins, junior president.

Guests present at the meeting were Ralph Bitley, wild life leader from Morganton; his assistant, Clarence Murphy of Morganton; E. L. Dillingham, county agent; and Lewis Dameron, work unit conservationist.

The club will continue to meet on the second Monday night of each month.

Mrs. Lizzie Young, formerly of Yancey County and the widow of Kelse Young, is critically ill in an Asheville hospital. Her brother, Zenas Penland of Clearwater, Fla., is here due to the illness of Mrs. Young. He is visiting another sister, Mrs. Hettie Whitehurst, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragan Wilson of Bee Log spent a week-end recently in Lakeland, Fla., visiting Mr. Wilson's brother, Willard Silvers, and sister, Mrs. Garrett Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne Wilson also visited relatives in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Hensley of Eye Log are spending the winter in Florida.

Farmers Urged To Support State Census

"No modern business man would think of continuing his operations year after year without taking an inventory at regular intervals," says E. L. Dillingham, County Farm Agent for Yancey County. Since farming is also a business, agriculture likewise needs to take a yearly inventory to determine what progress has been made and what needs to be done, he adds.

That's why agricultural leaders throughout North Carolina are urging farmers to give their wholehearted support to the 1957 Annual State Farm Census. The census is being made during January under the direction of local Boards of County Commissioners through their appointed township crop report listers. Its purpose is to obtain reliable information at the county level on land utilization, major crop acreages harvested, selected livestock numbers, and other miscellaneous items, says Dillingham.

Although in most counties the farmers make their report to the township tax listers, the law prohibits the use of this information in any way as a check against the farmer's personal and property taxes. The information reported by farmers is kept strictly confidential and is available only to the landowner who makes the report.

L. Y. Ballentine, State Commissioner of Agriculture, says: "The reliable, factual information provided at county and township levels by this yearly survey will be of great help to local farm leaders in working out plans for county and community agricultural programs."

"The information gathered annually is very valuable in planning services to the State's Farmers," says David S. Weaver, Director of North Carolina State College's Agricultural Extension Service. "Any business of considerable size needs reliable records of its operations. Agriculture, the greatest business of all, is no exception. As a matter of fact, agriculture probably needs reliable figures on production more than any other business."

"Through the medium of the North Carolina Annual Farm Census we have the machinery for obtaining the facts on the acreages and yields of various crops, numbers of selected livestock, and other miscellaneous items," adds Weaver. "North Carolina is fortunate in having the Annual Farm Census and is one of the few states in a position to use such material in the development of its agricultural program," he concludes.

"This annual farm census has been one of the best insurance policies the farmers of North Carolina could secure," adds Dillingham. "The availability of these farm facts has meant untold millions of dollars to the farmers and the State."

Company E Invites Public To Formal Opening

Formal dedication of the new Army Reserve Training Center here will take place Saturday, Jan. 19, from 1:00 until 4:00 in



MAJOR GENERAL MAYFIELD the afternoon, according to an announcement made by Captain George W. Conrad, Unit Commander.

The dedication program will be

Chrisawn Named As Candidate To Air Force Academy

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener of the 11th Congressional District announced today in Washington the nomination of Emory Dean Chrisawn as a candidate to take the competitive examination for admission to the Air Force Academy.

Young Chrisawn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Brown Chrisawn of Celso, is an outstanding student at Mars Hill College.

In announcing the nomination Congressman Whitener said: "I am delighted to give this fine young citizen of Yancey County the opportunity to take the competitive examination for admission to the Air Force Academy. He has been highly recommended to me by many persons as a young man of high character and splendid academic achievement. He is a graduate of Micaville High School and is at present a student at Mars Hill College."

The Celso youth will compete for one of the seven vacancies available for residents of the entire State of North Carolina.

CLEARMONT PTA TO MEET TONIGHT

The Clearmont PTA will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Clearmont High School.

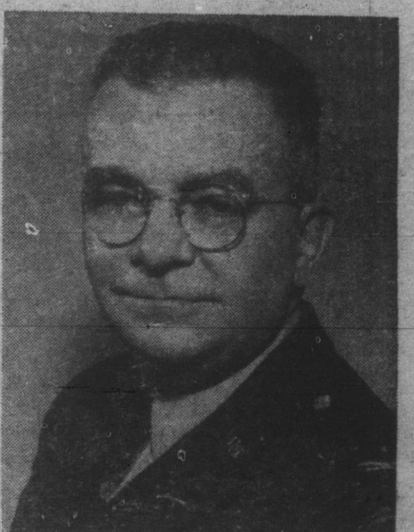
There will also be a meeting of the executive committee at 7 o'clock.

A good attendance is expected.

held in the new building on Orchard Street. The building was recently completed by Banks, Patton and Webb and leased to the local Army Reserve Unit.

Major General Thomas E. Mayfield of Charlotte, Commanding General of the 108th Infantry Division, and Colonel Charles U. Knoub of Raleigh, Senior Army Advisor USAR of the North Carolina Military District, are expected to be here for the dedication ceremonies.

The program now scheduled will include the invocation by the Rev. Worth B. Royal, pastor of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church, the introduction of prominent visitors by Attorney Dover R. Fouts, an address by Mayor Reece McIntosh, and the dedica-



COLONEL KNOUB tion address by one of the visiting military personnel.

An open house will follow the dedication program. Refreshments will be served by the wives of members of Company E.

The public is invited to attend the formal opening.

Reserve members of Company E, a part of the 518th Infantry Regiment, 108th Infantry Division, will have weapons of the unit on display for viewing by the public. Movies will also be shown during the afternoon.

Company E, made up of personnel from Yancey, Mitchell and Avery counties, was active during World War II, and the reserve unit here has been active for the last five years.

Officers of the unit are Captain George W. Conrad of Bakersville, Unit Commander; 1st Lieutenant G. Dixon Bailey of Burnsville, Executive Officer; Master Sergeant Rex O. Wilson of Spruce Pine, 1st Sergeant; and Master Sergeant William L. Curtis of Burnsville, Assistant Unit Advisor for Company E.

The new Reserve Training Center is a seven-room structure of brick and blocks. An outline for the building plan, submitted by Army engineers and officers of the local Reserve Unit, was followed in the construction of the building. There are several classrooms, an orderly room, supply room, kitchen, vehicle storage room and boiler room.

Prizes Set For Community Activities In County

The Yancey County United Fund has set up \$320 in its 1957 budget for prizes to promote community development organization in the county.

This money is to be available provided at least eight communities participate. In 1956, Green Mountain, Jacks Creek and Brush Creek were actively organized.

Any community wishing to organize and participate should contact the county agent's office for details.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett L. Bailey and daughter visited relatives in Erwin and Johnson City last week-end.

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE

ON N. C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH — The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. January 14, 1957:

Killed This Year: 40
Killed to Date Last Year: 36
If safety is worth a life, drive and walk carefully!



SEEK APPROVAL OF "EISENHOWER DOCTRINE" — Secty. of State John Foster Dulles (C) is shown as he conferred at the Capitol with Senate GOP leaders Wm. F. Knowland (Calif.) (L) and Styles Bridges (N.H.) Dulles stressed the importance of speedy Congressional approval of the "Eisenhower Doctrine."