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Two Injured In Auto Accident Saturday Night

Two men were injured Saturday night when their car hit a power pole and then ran into the side of a barn on US Highway 19 about eight miles west of Burnsville. The accident occurred around 9:45 p. m. Saturday.

Injured were Charles Roscoe

Rubber Co. Sponsors Soil Conservation

Akron, Ohio—Plans to continue Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's soil conservation awards program for the tenth straight year were announced today at St. Louis.

A. H. Settle, director of the firm's soil awards program, outlined his company's future conservation awards plans to 2000 members of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts, who are attending the organization's annual meeting.

He said his company's fourth annual program on a national scale ends on April 30 and the new program year begins on May 1. The Akron rubber firm conducted its contests to provide recognition for outstanding soil conservation districts and most cooperative farmers and ranchers on a regional basis for the first five years.

Competition in the awards program is conducted on state levels. Judging is done by state committees of outstanding leaders of soil conservation.

Grand award in the yearly contest is a vacation trip to Arizona's luxurious Winter resort, the Wigwam, at Litchfield Park, each December. Winners receive also bronze plaques at regional meetings of NASCI.

Arizona vacation trips go to one hundred of the nation's top soil conservationists, two from each of 50 competing units. More than 600 of the nation's leading exponents of sound soil conservation have made the vacation excursion to Arizona thus far. The country is divided equably for competition purposes into 50 balanced sections rather than follow strict state lines. Grand award winners in each unit are the outstanding farmer from the best district and one member of first place district governing body, selected by voting members.

Employment For Handicapped In State Increases

RALEIGH — A total of 6,311 physically handicapped persons were placed on jobs in North Carolina during the past year, the Employment Security Commission reported today.

This was a slight increase over the 6,246 placements in 1955, one of the Commission's best years in placement of the physically handicapped.

"The increase in placement of the physically handicapped — though moderate — follows a pattern that has developed in recent years," ESC Chairman Henry E. Kendall said. "It is encouraging to note that more and more North Carolina employers are realizing that a properly placed handicapped worker is just as efficient as his able-bodied co-worker."

BLOODSHED BOXSCORE ON N.C. HIGHWAYS

RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicle Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. February 4, 1957:

Killed This Year:	110
Killed to Date Last Year:	92

If safety is worth a life, drive and walk carefully!

Pate, 23, of Burnsville, and Clyde McIntosh, 23, of Route 1, Burnsville. Both men were taken to the Yancey Hospital for treatment. McIntosh, who is still in the hospital, was reported to be in good condition. Pate was discharged from the hospital Monday.

State Highway Patrolman A. W. Rector stated that the investigation is not complete at this time. It appeared that the driver lost control at high speed, he said. Both men were thrown out of the car.

Patrolman Rector identified the car as a "Police Ford Interceptor," a vehicle manufactured for law enforcement officers.

Preliminary Hearing Waived In Assault Case

The preliminary magistrate's hearing for Eugene Proffitt, who is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after he allegedly shot Ralph Peterson on the morning of Dec. 31, has been waived to the March term of Superior Court, according to Yancey Sheriff Terry Hall. The hearing was scheduled for Wednesday.

It was necessary for Peterson to return to the Memorial Mission Hospital, Asheville, on Tuesday of this week for further treatment. Peterson had been hospitalized in Asheville since the shooting and had been at his home here for one week before his return to the Asheville hospital.

Sheriff Hall stated that he had been notified by Proffitt's attorney that a writ of habeas corpus will be served to bring Hall before Judge Frank Huskins on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10 a. m. in an effort to lower the \$6,000 bond on which Proffitt is being held in the Buncombe County jail. The bond was set at \$6,000 by Magistrate Gaston M. Angel.

Medical Society Urges Third Polio Shot

Raleigh, Jan. 19—In a final report on the Emergency Poliomyelitis Vaccine program conducted last summer by the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina, a spokesman for the Society urges persons who had the first two inoculations to then avail themselves of the third shot now. The third dose should be given seven months after the second. For persons who received their first two polio injections during the July to September campaign the proper time for the third approach.

Dr. S. F. Ravenel of Greensboro, Chairman of the State Medical Society's Emergency Poliomyelitis Vaccine Committee, says that more than 269,000 vaccinations were given during the emergency campaign last summer. The State Medical Society through its Emergency Poliomyelitis Vaccine Committee undertook the mass vaccination campaign in the summer of 1956 to encourage persons in the most susceptible age brackets to obtain polio vaccine as a protective measure.

In addition to the clinics, emphasis was placed on the immunization program in the offices of private practitioners. In most cases the mass clinics were named by private practicing physicians who volunteered their services.

As a precaution against polio in 1957, Dr. Ravenel stresses the importance of beginning Salk Vaccine shots now for persons who have not previously been immunized so that at least the second dose can be administered by March 1.



"BIG BROTHER AWARD"

In a White House ceremony, President Eisenhower presented actor-comedian Danny Kaye with a scroll honoring him as Big Brother of the Year 1956. The award was in recognition of Kaye's unselfish contribution of time and talent in bringing hope for a better future to children all over the world.

Automobile Clips Telephone Pole In Two

Two Buncombe County men escaped serious injury Wednesday evening in a wreck west of Burnsville which completely demolished the car in which they were traveling.

According to State Highway Patrolman Pruett, Robert Miller, 22, and Glen Ray White, both of Rt. 3, Asheville, crashed into a telephone pole across the highway a few yards east of the Economy Center, ripping the pole in two. Miller, the driver, lost control of the eastward bound car just before reaching the Economy Center, ran off the pavement on the right of the highway, then swerved back across the road in a skid to clip off the pole. Patrolman Pruett said. The 1941 Pontiac in which the men were riding had skid completely around and was headed toward Asheville when it struck the pole. The right side of the vehicle struck the pole.

The driver of the automobile was not injured. White, the passenger, suffered lacerations above the right eye and on the neck. The Patrolman said. The injured man was treated by a local doctor.

Cause of the accident was said to be a wet pavement and excessive speed.

The driver of the automobile was charged with reckless driving. Pruett stated that for the first six days of February three accidents in the county had been investigated, while only three were reported during the month of January.

Historic Guide Lists Nu Wray Inn

North Carolina's historic homes and other structures of interest to tourists are described in a new guide just issued by the State Advertising Division in Raleigh.

Listed in the guide is the Nu Wray Inn, established in 1833. The Inn has been operated by the Wray family for three generations and is noted for its family style table and early-American furnishings.

Geographically, the structures listed in this guide cover the "Variety Vacationland State" from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean.

The new guide is available free on request from the State Advertising Division, Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, N. C.

DEACON FELLOWSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Due to unavoidable circumstances, the Deacon Fellowship of the Yancey Baptist Association will not hold the regular quarterly meeting which was scheduled for February 10.

All deacons and pastors will be notified as to the time and place of the next Deacon Fellowship meeting.

Burnsville Girls Tied For First Place In Conference

By Gerald Murdock
The Burnsville girls basketball team has a good record this year. They are second in the Toe River Conference with an 11-3 record. They are tied for first place in the County with Clearmont with a 5-2 record with both teams yet to play Micaeville.

Burnsville has scored 815 points this year to their opponents 639 total points. They have an average of 58 points per game to their opponents 45 points per game.

Coach Woodrow Anglin has 8 players who are regular starters. Judy Briggs McCurry, one of the leading scorers, is a Senior. She is now one of the most experienced players on the team.

Eveline Bennett is a Senior at Burnsville, another high scoring player. She has played both guard and forward on the team, but this year she has held down a place at forward.

Nancey Brown, a junior, is an excellent scoring forward and can look forward to a good year next year.

Suzie McCurry, a junior and the other starting forward, is a good long shot artist and also has another year to play.

The defensive part, which has been an outstanding factor for the success of the Burnsville team, is made up of Lillian Berry Silvers, a Senior, who is playing her first year on the team and is doing an excellent job of defense; Vera Angel, a Senior, who is a good and more experienced guard; Dolly Woody, a junior, another good guard who has another year on the team; and Libby Gardner, a junior, who also has another year on the team.

Other players are: Senior, Ruth Thompson; Juniors, Linda Banks and Cynthia Randolph; Sophomores, Judy Ray, Mary Martha Ray, Brenda Anglin, Shirley Gardner and Jean Shepherd. Betty Wells is manager of the team.

Automobile Horsepower Cut Asked By AAA

Charlotte, N. C.—In calling for a legal halt to the present horsepower race by automobile manufacturers, Thomas B. Watkins, president of the N. C. State Automobile Association, today declared, "The time has come when car makers should give serious thought to the death potential they are creating by steadily increasing the horsepower of automobiles."

"While this question up to this time has been considered a more or less unapproachable subject, this motor club, acting in the interest of the motoring public, must go on record as favoring a reduction of horsepower as the most logical way of reducing our mountain highway fatalities," he said.

"Our grandfathers would have had more sense than to use a twenty-mule team to bring home a bushel of potatoes, and yet we give the fantastic power of the new cars, some with a ridiculous three-hundred-plus horsepower, to our wives to go shopping, to our teen-age children for their enjoyment, and to ourselves to commute to work."

Congress members have expressed growing concern over the increasing number of traffic fatalities, which reached a record 40,200 last year. Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.) suggested that the "time may come when some regulation of horsepower and highway speeds may be necessary." He referred to action by Congress.

DR. WHISNANT TO BE OUT OF TOWN

Dr. C. M. Whisnant will be out of his office next week on Monday, Tuesday and until 1 o'clock Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. Whisnant and daughter, Lela Ruth, will be special guests of the Eli Lilly Pharmaceutical Company in Indianapolis, Ind.

Rep. Holcombe Leaves For Legislative Duties

Yancey County Representative Harlon Holcombe, member of the 1957 General Assembly, left Tuesday for Raleigh in order to be present for party caucuses Tuesday night and for the convening of the House of Representatives at noon Wednesday.

Representative Holcombe was accompanied by Mrs. Holcombe, who will remain in Raleigh until the end of the week in order to attend the receptions, the pre-inaugural ball, and other social events on the program for the week.

The new Legislature formerly opened Wednesday at noon in their Capital chambers. A joint General Assembly session meeting at noon today (Thursday) will see Governor Luther H. Hodges and other state officials take their oaths and hear the governor's inaugural message.

The capital city's Memorial Auditorium will be the scene today for the inauguration ceremonies when Governor Hodges will take the oath for a four-year term. Hodges is the first chief executive to succeed himself in modern times.

In his inaugural address, the governor will not detail his legislative program, but will have a separate message for the General Assembly at a later date.

Nine other top state officials also will be sworn in today for new terms, with only one being new to his office. He is Lt. Governor Luther H. Barnhardt of Concord, elected to fill the post left vacant two years ago when Hodges moved up to the chief executive on the death of Governor William B. Umstead.

A military escort will bring Governor and Mrs. Hodges from the Executive Mansion in Memorial Auditorium shortly before noon today. A 19-gun salute will boom for the state's first couple when they leave the auditorium after the inaugural ceremonies. After reviewing a parade, the governor and the inaugural party will return to the Executive Mansion for a buffet luncheon. They will meet the public at a two-hour reception at the mansion tonight.

February 15th Deadline On License Plates

RALEIGH — Tar Heel car and truck owners are securing their new license plates at pretty much the same rate as last year, according to Motor Vehicle Department officials. Deadline for display of the new license plates, a single tag to be attached to the rear, is midnight, Feb. 15. Illegal use of 1956 tags after that date constitutes a misdemeanor, officials warned, and calls for a fine of \$10 and court costs upon conviction.

Rural Telephone Committee Asks For More Applications

Rural families who desire telephone service should make application immediately through the Rural Telephone Committee or the county agent's office, according to E. L. Dillingham.

To the present time more than one hundred rural residents have made application.

The committee and Agriculture Department in the county are interested in helping secure phone

service for farmers and others in rural communities if residents of the areas are interested in the service.

Most of the applications filed to date have been from the Egypt-Ramsaytown section, with others from Brush Creek, Green Mountain, Pensacola and South Toe.

Mr. Dillingham said that if enough persons apply for telephone service, the committee and other county agencies will hold meetings with the telephone company now serving Yancey County and with State R. E. A. officials in an effort to secure service for these communities.

Members of the committee to whom application may be made are Dr. Ost, Dr. Whisnant, and John Randolph.

A "good faith" fee of \$10 must be paid when the application is filed, Mr. Dillingham said. However, if service is not secured, the fee will be returned to the individuals.

Yancey County is next to the bottom of all counties in the state in rural telephones, Mr. Dillingham said.

Brief History Of State Distributed To Libraries

A widely accepted story of how North Carolinians came to be called Tar Heels, the "Tar Heel Toast," a brief history of the State and the stories of its flag, motto, Great Seal, song and illustrations in full color of North Carolina's official State flower and bird are contained in the 1957 edition of "The Tar Heel State", just published by the State Advertising Division of the Dept. of Conservation & Development and obtainable free on request.

The 8-panel folder also has a map, in color, showing the 100 counties and surface divisions of the State, and pictures of the Capitol and Blue Ridge Mountains in full color.

The new publication was produced primarily for use as a general background source in connection with other literature in acquainting students with the opportunities for employment and advantages of living in North Carolina. It is being distributed through schools and libraries both within and outside the State. It is used in combination with another Advertising Division publication, "Facts About North Carolina", a current statistical summary.

Scout Court Of Honor Scheduled

The monthly Boy Scout Court of Honor for the Mayland District will be held at 7:00 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Spruce Pine Presbyterian Church. All Scouts and their parents and friends are asked to attend.

This will be the last Court of Honor in this district for Bob Garner, who has served the Mayland District as Field Scout Executive for the past eleven years. He has accepted a similar position in the Central Georgia Council.

Harry A. Lantz, district chairman, and Dr. Cameron F. McRae, district commissioner, urge all friends of Mr. Garner to turn out so that this Court of Honor will be a memorable one for him.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports two births and twenty-five other admissions during the past week.

The births include a son, Robert Chris, born Jan. 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone of Rt. 2, Burnsville; and a son, not yet named, born Feb. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Hughes of Rt. 2, Burnsville.

Other admissions were Fairy Robinson, Barbara Lovelace, Lee Ester Ball, Charles Pate, Mary Garland, D. H. Covington and Geneva Bailey, all of Burnsville; Laura Rathburn of Star Rt., Burnsville; Mary Davis, Clyde McIntosh, Omega McIntosh and Ruby Wheeler of Route 1, Burnsville; Adam McCurry, Vernon Robinson and Dessie Wilson of Rt. 2, Burnsville; Anice Shepherd of Route 3, Burnsville; G. W. Wheeler of Route 4, Burnsville; Alice Bailey and Dock C. Bailey of Green Mtn.; Virginia Barnett of Relief; Rosa Edwards, Frances Conley, Wade Willis, Elizabeth Hughes and Helen Runion of Bakersville.

Local Group Plans Pen Women Organization

A group of local women met last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. K. Helmle for the purpose of making plans toward the organization of a branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

Miss Elta Hande Blanchard, N. C. State president, and Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild, both of Asheville, were present at the meeting to explain the functions of the organization and to help with plans for organizing the local branch.

The National League of American Pen Women is an organization composed of writers, artists, musicians, and those interested in crafts of various kinds. Prospective members must have sold at least two items in their field to be eligible for membership. Those who are interested in becoming members, although they have not sold any of their work, may join as associate members.

Those present at the meeting in addition to Miss Blanchard and Mrs. Fairchild were Mrs. Fred Proffitt, Mrs. Joe Godfrey, Mrs. Ralph Laughrun, Mrs. Guss Peterson, Mrs. Erling Tonness, Miss Hope Bailey, and the hostess, Mrs. R. K. Helmle.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Helmle on Saturday, March 2, at 3 o'clock. At that time, each prospective member will bring an example of work in her field for display.



FLOOD DISASTER STATUS — President Eisenhower declared three states, Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky to be in a state of flood disaster as the continued spread of death and misery strikes out at a seven-state area. Flood warnings are still being issued to new areas as some of the towns begin to clean-up in the wake of passing floods. Shown above, National Guardsmen in Pound, Va., remove furniture from a home. Arrow shows the high water mark on this new brick home.