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Local Group Aims Toward Higher Rate Of Safety On Highways

Games In Tri-County Tournament Scheduled Here

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5. Increase in the State Highway Patrol.
6. Further promotion of driver education in the public schools.

National Scout Representative Speaks To Legion



MISS OLEDA SCHROTTKY

Miss Oleda Schrottky, of the national field staff of the Girl Scouts of the USA, spoke to the American Legion and Auxiliary Tuesday evening following a covered dish supper at the Community House. Miss Schrottky's speech was both informative and amusing. She presented the facts about the present world situation and talked about the anxieties which beset the world, then stressed the importance of the Girl Scout organization in relation to guiding and helping children of today prepare for their future. Miss Schrottky's illustrative anecdotes brought forth much laughter from the assembled group. She was accompanied by Miss Nancy Campbell, executive director of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council, and Mrs. Harold S. Clark, a former president of the council, both of Asheville.

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The group of local representatives agreed to select a Yancey County citizen for the Governor's Speakers' Bureau to speak on highway safety; they considered the establishment of a safety check lane, which also was maintained here last year; and they delegated authority to the committee to study the advisability of a permanent safety organization for the county.

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FFA Group Gives Program For Men's Club

The program for the February meeting of the Burnsville Men's Club Monday evening was presented by the Burnsville Chapter of Future Farmers of America, an organization of vocational agriculture students under the direction of Max Proffitt. The program, held at the Bald Creek Methodist Church, was in observance of National FFA Week.

The program took the form of a regular meeting of the organization and was designed to show in an impressive manner the purposes and objectives of the FFA organization. Students who participated were Claude Honeycutt, Dan Lewis, Danny Wright, Gerald Honeycutt, Phillip Bailey, Jerry Wilson, C. W. Edwards and Ronnie Bailey. The FFA string band and quartet provided several musical numbers.

New officers of the Men's Club elected to serve for the coming year were Robert K. Helmle, president; Roy Ray, vice president; and Lowe Thomas, secretary-treasurer. Installation of these officers will take place at the March meeting, which will be the annual "Ladies' Night" banquet.

The dinner for the Monday evening meeting was served by the ladies of the Bald Creek Methodist Church.

Among the guests attending the meeting were visiting officers of the Firth Carpet Company, Russell R. Mathews, John C. Melrose, and Ted Ballou, who, it was announced, will shortly take over the management of the Firth Co. plant here.

4-H Monthly Meeting Scheduled

The monthly meetings of the Yancey county school 4-H Clubs will be held March 1-7.

The boys' demonstration this month will be on "Soil Testing" and will be given by Roger Hyatt, assistant county agent. The girls' demonstration will be on "Room Arrangement" and will be given by Miss Sue Nottingham, home agent.

The schedule of club meetings: Friday, March 1—Bee Log Jr. Club at 10:00 a. m., and Bee Log Sr. Club at 11:00 a. m.

Monday, March 4—Micaeville Grades Club, 9:30 a. m.; Micaeville Sr. Club, 10:30 a. m., and Micaeville Jr. Club, 11:00 a. m.

Tuesday, March 5—Burnsville Jr. Club, 9:00 a. m.; Burnsville Sr. Club, 9:35 a. m.; Bald Creek Sr. Club, 1:20 p. m., and Bald Creek Jr. Club, 2:00 p. m.

Wednesday, March 6—South Toe Jr. Club, 8:45 a. m.; South Toe Sr. Club, 9:15 a. m., and Pensacola Jr. Club, 2:15 p. m.

Thursday, March 7—Clearmont Sr. Club, 9:00 a. m., and Clearmont Jr. Club, 9:45 a. m.

FILM TO BE SHOWN AT METHODIST CHURCH HERE

The film "Martin Luther" will be shown in the Methodist Church here Sunday evening at 7:00 p. m., according to an announcement by the pastor.

"HELP A HOME"

The Women's Club, in collaboration with the Welfare Department, is sponsoring a "Help A Home" project in the county. The Women's Club is collecting, from its members and others in the community, household items that could be useful to welfare homes. These items will be turned over to the Welfare Department for distribution. Anyone having such items as furniture, kitchen utensils, linens, etc. to contribute to the project may contact Mrs. Troy Ray or Mrs. Robert Helmle.

The Bee Log PTA will meet tonight (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the school auditorium. All parents of high school students are especially urged to attend.

Eddy Duchin Story To Be Shown Here

The story of a fabulous lifetime, a blending of stardust and suffering, passion and pain, music and magic, are glowingly told in Columbia Pictures' "The Eddy Duchin Story," according to advance report. The new film stars Tyrone Power as the handsome young musician who shook the golden towers of Manhattan with his hands on the keys of a piano, and beautiful Kim Novak as Marjorie Oelrichs, the girl of his dreams. In CinemaScope and color by Technicolor, "The Eddy Duchin Story" will be shown at the Yancey Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday.

Power is said to give a truly impressive performance as the gifted musician who knew more drama and despair, love and triumph than most men ever live to know. Miss Novak, fresh from a personal triumph in the memorable "Picnic," reportedly contributes as vivid a picture of a girl in love in "The Eddy Duchin Story." Here, in sharp contrast with her "Picnic" role, she is a famous, beautiful, sophisticated young woman who possesses the wholehearted warmth that can delight in sharing peanuts with pigeons on a rain-swept, romantic Central Park afternoon.

Their romance is said to be as warming as a sunset; their marriage, an idyllic time during which Duchin steadily rises to supremacy in the world of popular music.

Missionary To Speak At Windom Church

The Rev. Roy Davis, returned Missionary from South India, will speak at the Windom Methodist Church Sunday night, March 3, at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Davis has been director of a Bible School in India, has done extensive evangelistic work, and is well acquainted with the communist underground system there. Colored slides will be shown. The public is invited to hear Mr. Davis.

PEN WOMEN TO MEET

The local branch of the National League of American Pen Women will meet Saturday afternoon, March 2, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert Helmle, the state president, Miss Elta Handte Blanchard, and Mrs. Evelyn Fairchild, both of Asheville, are expected to be here for the meeting.

Dept. Finds Fire Safety At Low Ebb In School Here

The Burnsville Volunteer Fire Department staged a surprise fire drill Wednesday morning at Burnsville Elementary School, according to Fire Chief Bob Hilliard. The following is a report of the conditions found by the Fire Department: east down stairs hall

door locked, east and west auditorium doors nailed, west down stairs hall door nailed, and both west side doors nailed.

Only two half-doors in the entire elementary building are accessible, the report stated, with the exception of one door facing south, which is the exit for only one first grade room.

The wiring in the auditorium hall was found to be overloaded and in very dangerous condition, and there are no fire escapes from the top story of the building. The office where fire alarm controls are located was found to be locked, and in the event of a fire, the alarm could not have been sounded without breaking down the door or locating the key. Time of evacuation of the building was five minutes. According to the report, one and one-half to two minutes should be sufficient time under proper conditions.

Fire Chief Hilliard stated that something should be done to remedy these hazardous conditions at the school.

Mrs. Fouts Spoke To Garden Club

The Garden Club met Friday evening, Feb. 22, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent.

Mrs. Sargent, president of the club, presided at the business meeting at which time it was voted to replace the dogwood trees on the town square.

The club has joined a Garden Book Club and is purchasing books to be presented to the public library.

Mrs. D. R. Fouts, program leader, gave an interesting talk on "Garden Projects". She said it is a good plan to concentrate on one main project each season—a trellis, an unusual bird bath or a garden pool—at the same time not neglecting routine garden work.

The program then took the form of a round-table discussion with all members taking part.

Mrs. Salome Banks was a guest at the meeting.

The hostess served a dessert course carrying out the holiday idea.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN WILL HAVE BREAKFAST TOGETHER

On Sunday morning, March 3rd, the men of the Presbyterian Church will meet at 8 o'clock for the monthly breakfast and for the study of the Sunday School lesson, Lewis W. Dameron is the teacher.

At the morning service at 11, the Rev. Warren S. Reeve will preach on the subject, "The Door To The Life With God".

A number of members of the church will go to Erwin in the afternoon to attend a conference on Evangelism under the auspices of the Presbytery. The leading speaker will be the Rev. William McCorkle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Bristol, Virginia.

There will be observance of the Day of Prayer on Friday, March 8th.

Four Youths Injured In Truck Accident

Four Yancey County youths of the Celso section were injured in a pickup truck crash Saturday night, when the truck failed to make a curve on N. C. Highway 80 about nine miles southeast of Burnsville, State Highway Patrolman R. A. Pruett reported. The mishap occurred about 11:45 p. m.

Jerry Blalock, 17, lost control of the truck which traveled 132 feet on the left shoulder of the highway and then overturned several times down a 150-foot embankment, Patrolman Pruett said.

Blalock suffered a fracture of the back, Terry Autrey, 17, received sprains of both ankles and severe scalp lacerations, Clarence Ballew, 17, received knee injuries, facial lacerations and body bruises; and Tommy Story, 17, received severe lacerations of the left hand and body bruises.

All four were sitting on the front seat of the truck at the time of the crash, the patrolman said.

Blalock and Autrey were reported in fair condition at the Yancey Hospital where they are receiving treatment. Ballew and Story have been discharged from the hospital.

Jacks Creek To Try Wildlife Project

The Jacks Creek Community Club of Yancey County, in cooperation with the Wildlife Resources Commission, has initiated a special project this year. The farmers within the club area have undertaken the task of establishing a concentration of Wildlife plots. The area totals slightly more than 2,000 acres and within the boundaries, 21 acres of game food and cover will be established. This is the first of such projects in the state and will be watched with keen interest by all the game technicians.

Several years have been spent studying the reason for the steady decline in small game populations. The result of this research show that the major reason has been the continual "cleaning up" of fences, hedgerows, creek banks, etc. It has also been found that by reestablishing these shrubby places and by increasing the food supply, the game has shown an increase in numbers.

However, such a large scale concentration of food and cover as is planned for the Jacks Creek area has never been attempted in this state. Possibly the results of this project will help prove the way to better hunting throughout North Carolina.



PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE BURNSVILLE PTA and others who took part on the Founders' Day program Tuesday night, Feb. 19, are (left to right) Mrs. Olin Shepard, Mrs. Clarence Burton, Mrs. Charles Proffitt, Mrs. Zeb Hall, Mrs. Troy Ray, Mrs. C. P. Randolph, Mrs. Hershel Holcombe, Mrs. Henry Stamey, Guss Peterson, Mrs. Fred Phoenix, Mrs. L. G. Deyton, Don Burhoe, Mrs. Roy Ray and Mrs. James Ray, who is now serving as president of the organization. Other past presidents who were not present for the program were Mrs. R. W. Wilson, Mrs. H. G. Bailey, Mrs. C. R. Hamrick, Mrs. Milton Higgins, Mrs. Cameron McRae and Mrs. Annie Bennett. A silent tribute was paid to Mrs. C. M. Cheadle, who served as the first president of the Burnsville PTA when it was founded in 1931.