

Construction Of New Building Is Underway

A new building is under construction on the lot between the new Post Office building and the Yancey Department Store on the town square. It is being built by E. L. Briggs of Burnsville, F. E. Briggs of Wagoner, S. C., and Mrs. Olive Ford of Fort Myers, Fla.

Construction began Tuesday

Camp Mt. Mitchell Leased To Brevard College

The Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bingham of Jacksonville, Fla., has been leased to Brevard College for use by various church groups, it has been reported.

Edwin Ray, a Methodist minister and professor at Brevard, will arrive here at the end of the school term to take over his duties as director of the camp.

The camp will have a trained standing personnel and will be open to Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Church groups at various weeks throughout the summer.

WOMAN'S CLUB SPONSORS DANCES

Youth Folk Dances will be sponsored every Saturday night through the summer by the Burnsville Woman's Club. The dances will begin each Saturday night at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hyatt will act as chaperones for this Saturday's dance, and Mr. Hyatt will call the dances.

Admission is 50c per person.

Sale Of Bonds High In February

Sales of U. S. Savings Bonds during the month of February amounted to \$3,750,721.92, bringing the cumulative sales for January and February to \$5,531,810.00. This amount is 15.7 per cent of the annual Savings Bonds goal of \$54,400,000.00.

In the first two months of 1957, redemptions exceeded sales; however, the cash value of E and H Bonds outstanding increased, reaching a new all-time record on February 28, 1957. The total value of E and H Bonds outstanding is now \$41,450,000,000.00.

Nine counties of North Carolina have sold over 25 per cent of their annual quota. Chowan, with 40.5 per cent, and Allagany, with 39.2 per cent, lead the state in percentage of quota achieved.

In Yancey County, sales for February were \$9,874.00 and for the first two months of this year \$27,012.04.

G. Leslie Hensley, Yancey County Chairman in releasing this monthly report expressed pleasure over the action the House of Representatives took on March 18th in passing a bill to give the Treasury flexible authority to increase the present interest rates on Savings Bonds. The new interest rate bill, which has been sent to the U. S. Senate for approval, would apply to Series E and H Bonds bought on and after February 1, 1957, and to bonds purchased previously but maturing after February 1, 1957.



BLOODSHED BOXSCORE
ON N. C. HIGHWAYS
RALEIGH—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m.—March 25, 1957:

Killed This Year: 208
Killed to Date Last Year: 220
If safety is worth a life, drive and walk carefully!

Church To Make Offering For Displaced Persons

On Sunday, March 31, Presbyterians will be bringing special offerings at the morning service at 11 o'clock in the First Presbyterian Church here, to be sent for the rehabilitation of the many unfortunate and displaced people overseas. According to the Rev. Warren S. Reeve, in Austria there are still 70,000 Hungarians subsisting miserably on inadequate food and without work opportunities; in the Middle East, 850,000 displaced Arabs are as a festering sore in the social and political situation; and Hong Kong's thousands of homeless people call for our compassion and aid.

Among this vast number of hapless fellow-men, the Horvath family who have recently come to Burnsville are fortunate, indeed, in being the recipients of our care and service, Mr. Reeve said. The offering to be received on Sunday, which is part of the national "One Great Hour of Sharing," is our opportunity to send a tiny bit of help to the "many" who have no chance to come to America and whose needs are pitifully acute, he said.

The Rev. Reeve's sermon subject on Sunday morning will be "Listening To God".

Mr. and Mrs. Horvath are gradually getting settled in their home on Orchard Street and are profoundly grateful for the friendliness displayed to them by many people of the town and community, and for the many gifts that have been given them, Mr. Reeve said.

Last night, a "Fellowship Supper" was held to welcome the Horvath family and in honor of several members of the church who have recently done much to improve the appearance of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Reeve will be going to the spring meeting of the Holston Presbytery being held at Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, on Saturday of this week. Mrs. Ralph Laughrun has been appointed as the elder-commissioner.

On Tuesday of next week, Mrs. Laughrun and other ladies of the church will again be going to Warren Wilson College, where on that day the Women's Presbyterian Society will have its spring meeting.

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Workers Council Makes Plans For Various Projects

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BEE LOG BETA CLUB TO PRESENT PLAY

"Wildcat Willie in The Doghouse", a three-act comedy by Anne Coulter Martens, will be presented by the members of the Bee Log High School Beta Club in the school auditorium on Tuesday night, April 2 at 7:30.

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U F Receives Out-Of-County Checks

Receipt of a check for \$82 from the American Thread Company at Sevier, N. C., has been reported by Harlon Holcombe, Treasurer of the Yancey United Fund. Of this amount, \$57 represents the contribution to our United Fund by the Thread Company employees living in Yancey County. The balance is a contribution of the Thread Company itself.

Mr. Holcombe points out that receipt of this check illustrates the cooperation given to united fund drives by large businesses. Another check was recently received from the General Electric plant in Hickory, transmitting the contribution of one of their employees, who desired his donation to go to the Yancey County United Fund.

Culver Dale Is Guest Speaker At Banquet

The annual Ladies' Night banquet and installation of officers of the Men's Club was held Monday night at the Community House.

Seventy-five members and their wives attended the event.

The guest speaker, Culver Dale, principal of Harris High School in Spruce Pine, spoke on various aspects of community progress, including in particular, school improvements.

The meeting was presided over by the retiring president, T. M. Tyner. New officers who were installed for the coming year were R. K. Helmle, president; Roy Ray, vice president; and Lowe Thomas, secretary and treasurer.

The dinner was served by the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Child Dies From School Bus Accident

Van Pate, eight-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pate of Bald Creek, was run over and killed by a school bus Thursday morning, March 21. The accident occurred about 8:15 a. m. in front of his home in view of his mother, two sisters and a brother.

The child's mother was quoted as saying that he saw a school bus approaching and apparently mistook it for the one he normally would board. The bus slowed down for traffic and then began to pick up speed, according to witnesses. At that point, Van Pate darted across the road in front of the bus, was knocked down and run over. He was dead on arrival at the Yancey Hospital.

Driver of the bus was Ted Mathis, 18, of Bald Creek. No charges were preferred, Patrolman A. W. Rector said.

Funeral services were held Friday at 3 p. m. in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. The Rev. M. H. Kendall and the Rev. A. Z. Jamerson officiated, and burial was in the family cemetery.

Surviving in addition to the parents, the two sisters and the brother are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hunter, Sr., of Route 1; and the paternal grandfather, J. Robert Pate, Sr., of Bald Creek.

Flower bearers were the girls of the sixth, seventh and ninth grades at Bald Creek School.

Interest Increase On VA Loans Hit By Whitener

Washington, D. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener sharply attacked efforts to raise the maximum interest rates for veterans' home loans from 4½% to 5% in the House of Representatives Monday.

The Eleventh District Congressman, member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, spoke in support of H. R. 4602, a bill recently reported out of his committee, during debate in the House.

The bill continues the present limit of 4½% interest rate on veterans' home loans. In addition,

it raises the amount of direct home loans from the present maximum of \$10,000 to \$12,500 and appropriates an additional \$150,000,000 for the period July 1, 1957, to July 25, 1958, for direct home loans.

"It is a matter of record, said Whitener, that the veterans residing in small towns and rural areas have not had an opportunity to participate in this housing program on an equal basis with their fellow veterans who reside in the large population centers."

"Approximately 40 billion dollars have been loaned under the VA guaranteed loan program. Only about 584 million dollars have been loaned to veterans in small towns and rural areas through the direct loan program."

Whitener pointed out that in the seven counties of the 11th Congressional District only 11.6% of eligible veterans have been able to obtain a home loan under the Veterans Loan Program.

"There is one county in my District," commented Whitener, "which has a World War II veteran population of 1000, and since World War II there has not been a single loan made either direct or guaranteed. In another of the counties in my district only 6 loans have been made, even though the veteran population is 1480."

The House Veterans Affairs Committee held lengthy hearings on H. R. 4602 during which representatives of insurance companies, financial institutions, home-builders and veterans' organizations were heard.

"In sitting through the hearings," said Congressman Whitener, "we had absolutely no evidence as to the amount of money, if any, that an increase in the interest rate would bring into the veterans housing market. There was considerable conflict as to whether it would have any effect whatever upon the situation of the homebuilders in this country."

Whitener further pointed out to the House that the veterans loan program was designed and intended to assist the veterans, and not as a subsidy of any business.

"The great veterans organizations of the United States consistently oppose an increase of this interest rate," he stated. "I feel that they are correct and, therefore, oppose further burdening the veterans with higher interest rates at this time."

Helmle Are Judges For Mountain Youth Jamboree

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Helmle of Burnsville are serving as judges in the four-day Mountain Youth Jamboree which started yesterday in the Asheville City Auditorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Helmle have had extensive experience in folk dancing, and because of their special knowledge in this field have been invited to act as judges in the competitive events on the program.

The annual Youth Jamboree is participated in by dance teams and individual performers from schools throughout western North Carolina.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Garden Club will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. R. Fouts. Mrs. Fred Proffit will be in charge of the program.



Photo By John Robinson

YANCEY COUNTY CHAMPIONS — The Clearmont High School Girls' Basketball Team again won the Yancey County Championship. They compiled an enviable record of 20 games won and only 2 losses, averaging 64 points per game with a total of 1414 points. The team's top score for a single game was 80 points, and they scored over 70 points in nine other games. The leading scorer was Betty Young with 919 points for the season. The girls placed two players on the All-County Team, and Betty Young was voted the most valuable player in the tournament.

Members of the team are (kneeling L to R) Co-captains Stella Deyton and Jeralyne Wilson. Standing are Betty Lou Peterson, Barbara Hughes, Eloise Tipton, Bobby Ayers, Coach John Hansell, Nadine Whitson, Betty Young, Edna Tipton, Arlene Grindstaff and Hope Deyton.



Photo By John Robinson

TOE RIVER CHAMPIONS — Clearmont Boy's Basketball Team, champions of the Toe River Conference, finished the season with a record of 21 wins and 3 losses to cap the honor. Four of the starting five made the All-County Team, and three players made the All-Conference. Members of the team, pictured above, are (kneeling L to R) Harold Canipe and Benny Deyton. Standing are Robert Deyton, Edgar Byrd, Theron Woody, Gene Tipton, Dwight McCurry, U. B. Deyton, Junior Robinson, Bill Young, Ronnie Hensley, A. J. Laws, Donald Canipe and Coach Reece Wilson.

Hospital Report

The Yancey Hospital reports six births and eighteen other admissions during the past week.

The births include a son, Ronald Wayne, born March 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Brown Wyatt of Mica-ville; a daughter, Brenda Sue, born March 22 to Mr. and Mrs. James Fritz of Buladean; a daughter, Vickie Lee, born March 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edge of Burnsville; a daughter, Vicky Lynn, born March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Rt. 4, Burnsville; a son, Ricky Lee, born March 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Silvers of Rt. 1, Burnsville; and a daughter, Kathy Genee, born March 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hughes of Green Mtn.

Other admissions during the week include Gerald Murdock, B. B. Penland and H. A. Bailey of Burnsville; Juanita Gillespie of Rt. 1, Burnsville; Sallie Butler of Rt. 2, Burnsville; Ruby Ray and Hattie Pate of Rt. 3, Burnsville; Bobby Webb of Rt. 4, Burnsville; James K. Mayberry of Celso; Bessie Hughes and Viola Seay of Mica-ville; Roger Buchanan of Rt. 1, Green Mtn.; Elmer Johnson of Relief; Elizabeth Hughes and Allie Yelton of Rt. 2, Bakersville; Kenneth Huskins of Rt. 3, Bakersville; Linda Ledford of Rt. 1, Spruce Pine; and Maxine Greene of Black Mtn.