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Three Robberies In County Reported Solved

The robbers of three business places in the county have been identified through fingerprints obtained after the robberies, according to Sheriff Terry Hall. Hall stated that he has war-

rants charging Eugene Crain and J. R. Hensley, both of Barnardsville, with robbing Proffitt's Store and Pate's Store at Bald Creek. Both men are now serving a term at State Prison, Raleigh, for robbing a store at Stoney Knob in Buncombe County but will be brought here for trial in the March term of court.

The Sheriff also said he has a warrant for the arrest of Lewis Revis, of Swiss, for the robbery of Laskie Shepherd's Store at Swiss. This clears up all the robberies that have occurred outside of the Burnsville city limits, he said.

In Burnsville during the Christmas season, five robberies and one attempted robbery were reported. A burglar alarm frightened thieves away when they attempted to enter B. B. Penland and Son Lumber Co., but five other business places were broken into and robbed of various items, such as cigarettes, canned goods, candy, wearing apparel, cameras, and small amounts of cash. These places include the Hill Top Luncheonette, Peterson's Store, Stamey's Store, Banks-Young Motor Co., and Ben Riddle's Service Station.

Yancey Hospital Report

BIRTHS:

A daughter, Nancy Elizabeth, born December 20 to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Anders, Mars Hill, Rt. 2.

A son, Eddie Alvin Street, born December 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Street, Rt. 2, Bakersville.

A son, Darrel Keith, born December 23 to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Styles, Burnsville.

A daughter, Brenda Gail, born December 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hopson, Bakersville.

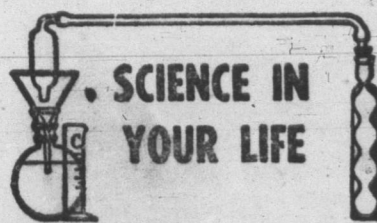
A son, James Michael, born December 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woodby, Green Mtn.

A son, Doyle Lee, born December 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Robinson, Rt. 1, Burnsville.

A son, Earl Gene, born December 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grindstaff, Green Mtn.

OTHER ADMISSIONS:

Evelyn Woodby, Rachel Ann Fox, Nettie Letterman, Green Mtn.; Shirley Young, Randy Lee Banks, Rt. 2, Burnsville; Ida Allen, Craig Woody, Lawrence Robinson, Lizzie Higgins, Jessie Robinson, Ola Dodd, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Brown McKinney, Rt. 3 Spruce Pine; Ray Pittman, Mack Pittman, Linda Ledford, Rt. 2, Spruce Pine; Lula Higgins, Virginia Styles, Wade Adkins, Rose Butner, Charles Deyton, Burnsville; Anna Mae Street, Bakersville; Dean Wilson, Porter Proffitt, Bald Creek; Louise Calvert, Asheville; Maude Robinson, Bobby B. King, Dewey M. Hensley, Elsie Metcalf, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Mildred Anders, Rt. 2, Mars Hill; Marie Hopson, Rt. 1, Bakersville; Berlie Jean Garland, Rt. 3, Bakersville; Darlene Proffitt, Herbert Proffitt, Brenda Sue Higgins, Rt. 4, Burnsville; Cora Clem, Greenville, S. C.; Wanda Wilson, Pensacola; Lockie Grindstaff, Rt. 1, Green Mtn.; Alma McCurry, Micaville.



SCIENCE IN YOUR LIFE

The Flu And You

Asian influenza is now well launched on its unpleasant course in many U. S. communities. It seems probable, however, that nowhere in the United States will it be as severe as it was in two widely separated countries: the Philippine Islands and Chile. The Philippine epidemic raged during May and June of this year, and the overall death rate for the islands was 16 per 100,000 of total population - far higher than its toll on the Asiatic mainland. As usual, these deaths were attributed not to the influenza virus itself, but to the secondary bacterial invasions which sometimes follow the flu. In one test of means to combat these secondary invaders, Dr. Angel Florentin of the Manila General Hospital administered the antibiotics Terramycin and Tetracycline to hospitalized patients as soon as they were admitted. While neither of these antibiotics had any effect on the flu virus itself, they were significantly successful in repelling the secondary germs, and in keeping down serious illness and death. Dr. Florentin reported his work before the Fifth Annual Symposium on Antibiotics in Washington, D. C. A similar experience was related to the Symposium by Dr. Rogue Kraljevic of Chile who treated 76 flu victims with antibiotics during the recent epidemic in his country. He found that Signemycin halted secondary infections in more than 9 out of 10 patients. In Dr. Kraljevic's study, secondary infection of the respiratory tract was proved in all but 11 cases.



69 YEARS ON SAME FARM . . . Probably oldest farm couple on social security is Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Herd of Lute, Mo. He's 91, she's 89. They formerly farmed 300 acres, now farm 18.

Reduced Work Week For State Highway Employees

Raleigh, N. C.—Beginning on January 1, 5500 maintenance employees of the North Carolina State Highway Department will have a shorter work week according to a directive issued today to Division and District Engineers. Director of Highways W. F. Babcock announced the reduced work week on a trial basis. Heretofore, maintenance forces throughout the State have worked 50 hours per week. After January 1, this work week will be reduced to 45. In addition, the regular work day of 10 hours will be reduced to 9 hours.

In explaining the shorter work week, Director Babcock said, a study has indicated that maintenance operations on North Carolina's highways can be carried on with the same effectiveness and efficiency while, at the same time, bringing the maintenance work week more in line with other Departments of the State Highway Commission.

In his directive, Babcock pointed out that Division Engineers shall have authority for establishing the actual beginning and ending hours of daily work in keeping with local sunrise and sunset conditions. However, generally, the reduction will be applied 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The concept of a shorter work week for maintenance employees was mentioned briefly by Babcock on September 20 in an address before the North Carolina State Highway Employees Association. At that time, the Highway Director said that it would seem we may be able to lessen the maintenance work week during the fall, winter and, perhaps, spring months. "Whether it will be possible during the heavy construction and maintenance season during summer months remains to be seen," said Babcock. However, in the memorandum to personnel, the Director said the shorter work week may be extended into the construction season if it proves to be practical.

In addition to the shorter work week, a study is currently being made on the classification of maintenance personnel whose responsibilities have not been classified in the past. The result of this classification study should be finished by July 1, 1958.

Locals

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Proffitt and children of Franklin spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Proffitt and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe King in Burnsville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Banks of Black Mountain spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Jay McDowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Mathus and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Mathus of Hickory spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mathus of Rt. 3, Burnsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlo Riddle and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ray in Winston-Salem during the Christmas holidays.

Farmers Required To Report Cash Wages Paid In '57

During the month of January 1958, all farmers will be required to report the cash wages paid in 1957 to each of their farm workers covered by the social security law, Arnold L. Walz, Acting Manager of the Asheville social security office, announced today.

Any farm worker who has paid cash wages of \$150 or more in 1957 by a farm employer must be reported by the employer on this yearly return. Even if cash wages paid to a farm worker were less than \$150, he must be reported if he worked for the employer on part of 20 days or more in 1957, and was paid on a time basis—by the hour, day, week, or month.

Mr. Walz emphasized that in addition to the amount of cash wages paid to each covered worker, the return must show each worker's social security number and name exactly as shown on his official social security card. It is important that these farm wages be reported correctly. Eligibility and the amount of all retirement, disability and survivors payments under social security are based on the record of earnings credited to the individual's account. A loss of some or all benefits could result from failure to report a farm worker's wages completely.

Farm employers who previously filed returns or registered as new employers during the year will automatically be sent forms for making the 1957 reports. Completed returns and employment taxes due should be sent to the District Director of Internal Revenue, Greensboro, N. C.

Free booklets explaining the duties of farm employers and describing the social security benefits for farm workers and self-employed farmers can be requested from the Asheville social security office.

Hardscrabble Community Club Meets

The Hardscrabble Community Club met Dec. 13th, for the last time during 1957, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Proffitt, Lewis Dameron presented an interesting movie on birds and how to care for them.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 10th at 7 p. m. in the Community Clubhouse. It is very urgent that everybody be present for this meeting since it will be time to reorganize and elect new officers.

Leslie L. Proffitt, President

WSCS To Meet Tonight

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will meet tonight (Thursday) at 8 p. m. at the church. Circle No. 1 is in charge of the program.

Whitener Receiving Applications For Air Force Academy

Gastonia, N. C. — Congressman Basil L. Whitener has announced that he is receiving applications for nominations to the Air Force Academy at Denver, Colorado.

The 11th District Congressman is authorized by the United States Air Force to nominate as many as ten young men to compete for ten class vacancies allocated to the State of North Carolina. Each Member of Congress and each United States Senator in North Carolina will have an equal number of nominations and examinations will be given to the nominees competing for the Tar Heel vacancies.

Applicants must be physically fit, of good moral character, unmarried, and citizens of the United States. They must be between the ages of 17 and 21 and must have a minimum height of five feet four inches and must not exceed a maximum height of six feet four inches.

The closing date for Congressional nominations is January 31, 1958. Examinations will be given by the Air Force on March 15, 1958, and on April 5, 1958, with the final selection of the cadet class being made in early May, 1958. Nominees who are selected from the competitive examinations will enter the cadet class at the Academy on June 27, 1958.

"I urge that young men with a keen desire to make the Air Force a career who feel that they are physically and educationally qualified communicate with us at once in order that we may give their applications immediate consideration," Congressman Whitener stated. "They may write to me at my office in Gastonia or at the House Office Building, Washington, D. C., for further information."

Congressman Whitener will return to Washington in early January, but in the meanwhile may be contacted in person at his office in Gastonia.

"Be-Boppers" To Have Square Dance

The "Be-Boppers" will have a square dance this Saturday night, Jan. 4th, beginning at 7:30 in the Community House.

Mrs. Graham To Speak At Woman's Club Meeting

Mrs. G. C. Graham, wife of the Methodist minister at Kona, will be the guest speaker at the Woman's Club meeting next Thursday evening, Jan. 9th, at 8 o'clock in the Community House.

Mrs. Graham, originally from England, will speak about London. She will be introduced by Mrs. T. M. Tyner, program chairman.

United Fund Disburses \$4,400 To Agencies

The Yancey United Fund announces that it has already disbursed more than \$4,400 from its 1957 campaign receipts, to fifteen of the health, welfare, and character building agencies included in its budget.

It is still too early, according to Robert Helmle, President of the Yancey U.F., to give final results

for the campaign which is now drawing to its close, and the disbursements thus far made are only partial and preliminary. The payments recently made have been as follows:

Yancey County 4-H Club work	\$456.
Sight conservation and for the blind	\$180.
Yancey County Library	\$126
Boy Scouts	\$456
Girl Scouts	\$510
Red Cross	\$1,440
U. S. O.	\$128
Yancey Hospital	\$800
Cerebral Palsy	\$60
Cancer and Heart	\$180
Medical Research in N. C.	\$77
Orthopedic Care of Crippled Children	\$141
Aid in Adoption Cases	\$123
Florence Crittenton Home, for care given Yancey County girls	\$54.
Carolinas United Community Services	\$75.

The amount of these partial payments is in each case approximately 60 per cent of the amount included in the budget. No disbursement has been made for Rural Community Development in Yancey County. The funds collected for this purpose, as well as the bulk of funds for polio and orthopedic care of Yancey County crippled children are being held in the United Fund treasury.

In addition to the payments listed above, the United Fund is undertaking to pay regularly \$50 a month to the Asheville Orthopedic Hospital to help defray the cost of two Yancey County crippled children now staying at the hospital while undergoing treatment.

The United Fund directors believe that when all contributions are in, and all pledges paid, it will be possible to pay at least an additional 15 per cent, bringing the total payments to 75 per cent of the budget. In the previous two years the Yancey United Fund has paid out 85 per cent of the budget goal each year.

Although failure to reach the budget goal was a disappointment to all concerned, Mr. Helmle believes the campaign committee headed by Carroll Angel this year, did a very creditable job. Donations just seemed a little harder to get this year than previously. The campaign committee wish particularly to emphasize that it is still not too late to make contributions for this year's campaign.

The total costs of conducting the campaign this year will be less than \$100. The only expenses involved were for advertising and stationery. The United Fund has no payroll, and all use of cars for transportation is donated.

Penland School Guests Are Entertained Here

Four of the holiday guests at Penland School of Handicrafts were entertained here Sunday by Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Y. Sargent and Mrs. J. G. Low at the Sargent home.

They were Theodore Malasig, agricultural worker and regional 4-H Club worker from the Philippines who has done much work in Viet Nam under the Operation Brotherhood movement in the Philippines; Satish C. Barma, agricultural worker from Pakistan; Toyomi Yoshino, chief of Agriculture Imp. Section, Agriculture and Forestry Division, of Moriama, Japan; and Kensaburo Kawamura, chief of agriculture and sericulture (silk worm), Agriculture and Forestry Division, Iwate Prefectural Government, Japan.

They are among the sixty-six educators from eighteen foreign countries who spent the Christmas holidays at Penland School as the guests of Miss Lucy Morgan, director of the school.



INSPECTS NATO ARMS . . . U. S. Defense Secretary Neil McElroy watches U. S. Sixth Infantry tank maneuvers in Berlin Grunewald. Tank commander Capt. Raymond Gibson is at left.