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## New Law Requires Extra Dollar For Auto License

RALEIGH — The first two week's experience under North Carolina's new automobile liability insurance law indicate that car owners generally understand it, Motor Vehicles Department officials, said this week.

During the first two weeks there was some indication that the automobile owning public is more familiar with the liability insurance law than with the other new law which requires an additional payment of \$1 on each license plate, the proceeds to be used for the driver education of teen agers in high school.

### News From The County Agent's Office

A sheep producers' meeting will be held in the County Courthouse Friday night, January 17, at 7:30 p. m.

Insurance on sheep and other farm property will be explained by a representative of a local insurance company.

Plans for the dog warden program will be discussed and other problems of sheep production will be explained. All sheep producers are urged to attend.

All demonstration farmers will bring their record books for both 1957 and 1958 to the County Agents Office Monday, January 20, to be summarized. Please consult the schedule sent you and be on time with your books completed.

Dairymen and other cow owners will meet at the courthouse Thursday, January 23, at 9:00 a. m., to discuss mastitis control. If you have not had trouble you probably will. More dairy cows are lost because of mastitis than TB or bangs. A panel of veterinarians, producers, and state college specialists will discuss the prevention and control of mastitis. Don't miss it!

There will be an Apple Growers' Meeting at Spruce Pine City Hall January 16, at 10:00 a. m. State College specialists will discuss spraying and other problems of apple growers. All orchard men in Yancey, Avery and Mitchell counties are urged to attend.

### Yancey Hospital Report

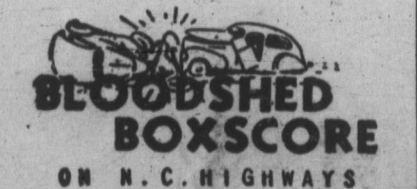
**BIRTHS:**  
A son, Larry, born Jan. 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Claude Yelton of Rt. 1, Baldersville.

A daughter, Lindo Diane, born Jan. 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Robinson of Rt. 3, Burnsville.

A daughter, Donna Lynn, born Jan. 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Young, Burnsville.

### OTHER ADMISSIONS:

Master Steven Briggs, Mrs. Joe Briggs, C. H. Hughes, Rt. 2, Burnsville; T. Luther Renfro, Rt. 1, Green Mtn.; Lee Griffith, John Young, Mrs. Mary Penland, Litty Austin, Hubert Justice, Mrs. Thelma Layell, Nina Marie Penland, Burnsville; Master Tommy Harris, Star Rt., Burnsville; Miss Mattie Fox, Mrs. Marjorie Edwards, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Mrs. Daisy McCurry, Miss Tony Ann Thomas, Mrs. Velvie Yelton, Green Mtn.; Mrs. Gwendolyn Bodford, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Mrs. Eva Wallace, Mica-ville; Miss Brenda Higgins, Rt. 4, Burnsville.



Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m.—January 15, 1958:

Killed This Year: 20  
Killed to Date Last Year: 43

## 4-H'er Proves Poultry Is Paying Enterprise

By Roger Hyatt  
Assistant County Agent

Joan Gortney, of Green Mountain Community, is doing a bang-up job with her hens which she grew from the 4-H Pullet Chain last year, 1957. Last March, Joan received 100 day-old Warren Rhode Island chicks, and now she has about 70 hens from which she is receiving 50 eggs per day.

In November, Joan's hens began to drop in production, so she was advised to place a light in the house. She turns the light on about 6:00 a. m. and keeps it on until daylight and then she turns it on about 5:30 p. m. and keeps it on until 9:00 p. m. The first week she used the light, her egg production picked up 10 to 12 eggs a day.

In December, Joan sold 135 dozen eggs at 60c per dozen for a total of \$82. Her feed cost was \$30, therefore, she had a net profit of \$52.

Joan has proved to her family that poultry is a paying enterprise if it is managed properly. Her brother is anticipating being a member of the Yancey County Pullet Chain in 1958.

## Yancey Pharmacy Leased To McNeil

The Yancey Pharmacy in Burnsville has been leased to William McNeil, of Marion, by the owners, W. A. Banks, Jack Patton and Dr. Melvin Webb.

Both Mr. McNeil and his wife are natives of Yancey County and former residents of Burnsville. At present, they are making their home at the Banks Apartments on Orchard Street and are planning to build a home near Pensacola.

### Health Dept. News

Recent visitors to the District Health Department from the State Board of Health were Dr. Martin Hines, chief of the Veterinary Public Health Section, and Dr. Jacob Koomen, chief of the Communicable Disease Section and assistant director of the Division of Epidemiology. While here, they visited the Firth Carpet Company plant with the district health director, and also presenting a program at the monthly meeting of the Mitchell-Yancey Medical Society on Jan. 8, in Spruce Pine.

## Everton B. Powell Dies In New York

Services for Everton B. Powell, a resident of Burnsville since 1944, were conducted Monday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Culver Allan Smith of Ithaca, N. Y.

Services were also held at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Hines Funeral Home in Washington, D. C. Burial was in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, beside the grave of Mr. Powell's wife. They had been married 62 years when Mrs. Powell died a year ago.

Mr. Powell was born in 1872, went to Washington from Indiana as a young man in 1889, and lived there for 30 years. He married Isabel Douglas in 1894.

Mr. Powell lived in Maplewood, N. J., where he was an engineer with the Radio Corporation of America for many years. He retired in 1944, and he and Mrs. Powell made their home in Burnsville.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Smith are a grandson, Navy Commander Douglas A. Powell, Jr., who is with the Staff Command of the Seventh Fleet; a granddaughter, Sarah Isabel Powell of Asheville; and two great-grandchildren.

## Four Youths Arrested Here Saturday

Four youths were arrested Saturday and charged with breaking into the Halliday house on Church Street and several buildings on the grounds of Mt. Mitchell Camp for Girls, Sheriff Terry Hall reported.

Hall said the four now being held in Yancey County jail are C. A. Hensley, 16; Paul Wayne McIntosh, 18; C. F. Gillespie, 16; and Clarence Mitchell, 18, all of Burnsville. Bond for each one has been set at \$2,000.

Two of the boys, C. A. Hensley and Clarence Mitchell, have waived preliminary hearing; the Sheriff said.

## Farm Pond Provides For Increased Milk Production For Yancey Farmer

By Lewis W. Dameron  
Soil Conservationist

Nelson Woody of Jacks Creek reports that his farm pond began to pay off almost immediately after being constructed late last summer. Not in fish production, but by increased milk production!

Mr. Woody constructed his pond in a pasture where his water supply dried up during late summer and fall. Although there was only a small spring to feed the pond, sufficient water accumulated in the pond within several weeks to provide water for his 20 head of holstein dairy cattle. Nelson reports that within a few days after his cows had access to the pond, his milk production increased.

How much his pond would be worth in terms of increased milk production, Mr. Woody did not know exactly; however, he said, "I believe this pond will increase my milk income at least \$100 a year."

Of course this is not the only value this pond will be to the Woody family. Bluegill sunfish were established in the pond last October and largemouth bass will be added this spring. These fish will no doubt provide food for the family table, plus plenty of "fishing fun" for all.

Fish for stocking purposes were furnished free of charge by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Yancey Soil Conservation Service personnel assisted Mr. Woody in surveying, designing, and supervising the construction of his farm pond.

## Two Yancey Men Overcome By Fumes

Two Yancey County men were admitted to Memorial Mission Hospital about 3 p. m. Monday, after they were overcome by fumes at the Hicks Corporation plant in Asheville.

Thor Anglin, 47, of Bald Creek, and Wayne Fox, 43, of Burnsville RFD 3, were victims of fumes created when a quantity of magnesium caught fire at the plant. They were attempting to extinguish the fire and inhaled fumes from the burning metallic element.

Their conditions were reported as satisfactory.

## Mrs. Shotts To Entertain Presbyterian Women

Mrs. C. M. Shotts will open her home this evening, Thursday, January 16th, to the Presbyterian Women's Association for their January meeting. Mrs. G. A. Bradshaw will assist her as co-hostess. The leader of the meeting will be Mrs. John Young.

On Sunday, January 19th, the Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Presbyterian Church in the 11 o'clock service. The minister, Rev. Warren S. Reeve, will have as the theme of the Communion meditation: "The Christ Who Comes To Us."

## Whitener Bill Would Reinstatement GI Home Loans

Representative Basil L. Whitener, of the 21st Congressional District, has introduced a bill to encourage new residential construction for veterans' housing in rural areas and small cities and towns. The Whitener bill is identical to one passed by Congress during the closing days of the first session of the 85th Congress. The bill was then vetoed by President Eisenhower.

In his remarks to the House of Representatives at the time of the introduction of the bill, Whitener said: "It is my hope that this bill can be given early consideration by the Congress since a rebirth of a G. I. home loan program is urgently needed in this country. All economic reports seem to indicate that there is a great need for the revival of this veterans' home loan program, with the very realistic interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent upon such loans."

Whitener predicted that in the light of developments in the homebuilding industry in recent months, that the White House would not disapprove this type of legislation again.

## COMMUNITY CLUB News

The Hardscrabble Community Club met January 10, at the home of Mr. Rassic Profitit.

They elected new officers for the next year as follows: President, Leslie Profitit; vice president, Mrs. Lee Evans; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Handy Bailey; reporter, Mrs. Ernest Buckner; song leader, Mrs. Biss Randolph; scrap book, Mrs. Wintz McIntosh; Mrs. Otis Profitit and Mrs. Otto Profitit.

A large crowd was present with the young people singing songs. Brenda Buckner sang a solo and Lewis Dameron, the soil and water conservation leader, gave an interesting talk on finer farms cost.

The next meeting will be the 10th of February.

## Yancey's Industrial Growth Reflected In Statistics Released By Dun & Bradstreet

Each January business concerns in all parts of the United States receive from Dun & Bradstreet requests for their annual financial statement. This year the number of requests going out nationwide will approximate three million, with over 100 going to Yancey County businessmen.

The growth and the industrial development of Yancey County is reflected in statistics just released by the credit reporting firm. Thomas E. Kane, Manager at Knoxville, which covers this area, says that this year there will be more requests for financial statements made of business concerns in Yancey County than usual.

The Yancey County section of the current issue of Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book contains listings of 150 local names comprising manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. It does not include some of the service and "professional" businesses such as barber and beauty shops, real estate and stock brokers. Thus the figure of businesses in Yancey County would actually be higher than the 150 quoted above.

During 1958, Dun & Bradstreet estimates they will be required to make about 20 changes in the listings of business enterprises in Yancey County. These changes will result from adding the names of new businesses, and deleting the names of those who have discontinued; as well as accounting for changes in ownership, trade names and credit ratings.

Better than 95 percent of all commercial transactions in the United States are made on credit terms and the buyer and the seller are brought together by means of credit information.

When the owner of a business or his accountant returns his financial statement to Dun &

## Remote Lost Cove In Yancey Now Deserted

(Reprinted from the Asheville Citizen-Times)

Velmer Bailey, his wife Servilla, and their children, Priscilla, Hosea and Isaiah, have moved out of Lost Cove, never to return.

For a hundred years the strange and isolated community of Bailey, Bryants, Arrowoods and Tip-ton, once as many as 15 families lived and prospered in this almost unknown corner of Yancey County.

Velmer Bailey and his family were the last to forsake their old homelace. They, and the others who since last summer's harvest have turned down the steep mountain trail for the last time, have left behind them not a down-at-the-heel cluster of shacks, but nine still sturdy well-built homes, one consisting of seven rooms.

"We don't want to leave," said Bailey, "but we have no choice. The others have left. We can't stay here alone."

Lost Cove is a good two-hour tramp from Briscoe, Peterson's store at Poplar; the only way from that direction being across the railroad trestle over the angry winter waters of Toe River, then along the Clinchfield Railroad tracks that wind through the gorge, until you see the sign painted on a rock pointing up into a forest of hemlocks and rhododendron.

All through the gorge, thundering from rocky wall to wall, echoes the increasing roar of the river, drowning out the music of cascading, falling, leaping waters from live springs far above; drowning out even the warning clamor of an approaching diesel train.

Surrounded by the Flat Top Wildlife Refuge and hidden high above the Toe, Lost Cove is a place to excite the wonder of any visitor. Cleared fields, open to the sun and rain, are protected from erosion by rock walls. White clapboard houses rest on rock foundations amidst close-clipped lawns,

still green long after summer. Clear cold springs well up from rocks and tree roots, gather force, and run singing through the cove; the sound of them is everywhere. In December the place was lovely; what can it be in spring, with the peach and apple trees and wild plum in bloom?

The cove consists of a three hundred acre tract of land, believed to have been acquired shortly before the Civil War by Morgan Bailey, who built the first cabin there. Five generations of his children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren not only survived there without the modern conveniences of electricity, telephone, and water pipes, but prospered and lived together in peace. They attended one church, one school. As far back as any of them can remember, there has been a sawmill. Once there was a corn mill, and even a store.

When asked what the community did when a doctor was needed, Velmer Bailey answered, "We've stayed pretty healthy. The water is the best in the world, and contagious diseases seldom reached us. But, above all, we had faith in the Lord."

Inside the homes can be found doors of unusual panel design, joined with wooden pegs; fireplaces of stone and clay; cook-stoves intriguingly named "Diana". In the yards are the neat barns, corn cribs, a few ancient hewn log structures belonging to homes of past generations. One unusually minute barn, was complete with stall and four stalls, but with an entrance only five feet high. Beehives everywhere, the honey, regardless of winter, tasting tangy with a streak of sourwood.

In addition to the path already mentioned, there are two other ways of reaching Lost Cove, neither of them simple. One is a rough road leading up from Lost Cove Station, two miles around the bend beyond the path. From here the household furnishings of the people moving out had to be loaded on a freight car and shipped to their destination.

The other way, winding up over a shoulder of Flat Top Mountain, is the sled road, which in the old days was quite passable. It was a county road then, and kept in condition by a system of free labor that was common at one time throughout the mountain region. Now it is run down and rarely used, the shortest and quickest communication with the nearest post office and store being by the footpath and the railroad tracks across the trestle to Poplar. For lack of a road Lost Cove has lost its people.

They have not sold their land and their homes. No one has offered to buy. Yet the 10 or 12 lots which make up the original Morgan Bailey tract are for sale either to the Wildlife Commission or to those who have the vision and the means to keep this lovely land from melting back into the forgotten past.

On the wall of the schoolhouse, the building that for more than half a century served both as school and church, can be seen these words:

"Last Sunday School, Nov. 26, 1957; Last Revival, Nov. 1956, Clyde Fender, Evangelist. School closed forever at Lost Cove Dec. 17, 1957, Sinclair Conley, 75 yrs."

Conley, in spite of rheumatism, trod the path from Poplar to the cove, week in and week out during the school season, for years, in order to give of his wide knowledge to the boys and girls of a people who richly deserved his efforts. They were far from stupid or dull, these children, if we can judge from Hosea and Isaiah. They showed a promise which was engendered by the atmosphere of Lost Cove itself.

Today, except for the chuckle of the streams, of whispering rain on wooden shingles, the occasional shout or shot of a hunter, the cove lies silent, waiting

## Burnsville PTA To Meet Tuesday Night

The Burnsville PTA will meet Tuesday night, January 21, at 7:30 in the school lunch room.