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## Mrs. Pate Assumes Duties As Blood Program Chairman

At a recent meeting of the executive committee of the Yancey County chapter of the American Red Cross, Mrs. Evelyn Pate was unanimously elected chairman of the blood program for Yancey County.

## Farmers Over 65 Not Exempt From Paying S. S. Tax

"Many Yancey county farmers over 65 years of age who are receiving social security checks have been asking if they must continue to file tax returns and pay social security taxes," R. Lee Alltop, local representative of the Asheville Social Security Administration office said today.

"Farmers are like other self-employed people and workers in industry — they are not exempt from paying social security taxes because they are over 65 or already receiving benefits. Self-employment tax returns are required of all farmers who had gross self-employment income of at least \$600 and a net of at least \$400 in 1957."

Alltop reported that many farmers already receiving benefits are asking if additional tax payments will increase the amount of the benefit payable. He stated that this would be true in some cases but that a review of the tax return would be necessary before any change could be put into effect. In no case would benefits be stopped or reduced by lower earnings or by reason of no earnings at all.

Alltop is at the Courthouse in Burnsville on the second and fourth Monday of each month to provide Social Security information and assistance in filing claims.

## Yancey Hospital Report

**BIRTHS:**  
A daughter, Regina Gay, born January 15 to Mr. and Mrs. Edd Edwards Rt. 1, Burnsville.

A daughter, not yet named, born January 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Judson Monkus, Green Mtn.

A daughter, Sandra, born January 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Laws, Micaeville.

**OTHER ADMISSIONS:**  
Bessie Penland, Linda Silvers, Cornelia Briggs, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Wilson Ingram, Zona Jean Butler, Rt. 2, Bakersville; Print Blevins, Luella Honeycutt, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Daniel McKinney, Spruce Pine; Helen England, B. B. Penland, Julia Walker, Norma Evans, Wade Adkins, Burnsville; Nina Mae Laws; Morris Robinson, Green Mtn.; Baby Robert Snelson, Edith Laws, Micaeville; James Blevins, Bakersville; Mettie Letterman, Rt. 1, Green Mtn.; Glenna Howell Shirley Young, Donald Bodford, Rt. 2, Burnsville; Glen Edwards, Asheville; Lester Boone, Mars Hill, Wanda Wilson, Pensacola.

## Men's Club To Meet Monday Night

The Burnsville Men's Club will hold its first meeting in 1958 on Monday evening at 7 o'clock at the Community Building. Ladies of the Higgins Memorial Methodist Church will serve the dinner.



Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. January 20, 1958:

Killed This Year: 35  
Killed to date last year: 63

## Baptists Meet This Week For Clinic

Some 2,000 Baptist pastors, associational missionaries, educational directors, and Sunday School leaders are meeting this week at the First Baptist Church, Asheville, for the annual Regional Sunday School Clinic.

This project is being jointly sponsored by the Buncombe Baptist Association, the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, and the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. John T. Sismore, superintendent of Adult Work, will direct the clinic.

Among those present for various conferences are Dr. A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. J. N. Barnette, retiring secretary; Mr. Herman L. King, superintendent of Sunday School Administration; Miss Delores Baker; Miss Melva Cook; Mr. Robert A. Dowdy; Mr. Wilbur C. Lamm; Mrs. Lillian Moore Rice; Dr. J. L. Corzine, and other workers from several different states.

## Patrol On Alert For "Litterbugs"

RALEIGH — Col. James R. Smith, commander of the State Highway Patrol, reminded Tar Heel motorists today that the patrol is on the alert for violations of the statutes against littering the highways.

Penalties for such violations may run as high as \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment.

Instructions for the vigorous enforcement of anti-littering laws went out to the patrol force following an intensive program of the Governor's Committee for Clean Highways to bring about increased public interest and cooperation in improving the appearance of North Carolina Highways.

Col. Smith said that public response to the clean highways program has been excellent, and enforcement against the littering is designed to supplement the continuing efforts of the Governor's Committee for Clean Highways.

## Fox To Get Truck Safety Award

Roy Lee Fox, of Winston-Salem, will receive a bronze "Oscar" trophy for safe driving from the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, Inc. A driver for McLean Trucking Company, he was praised for driving 670,898 miles in six years without an accident of any kind.

Mr. Fox, a former resident of Burnsville, was among six drivers selected for their safety records. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fox of Burnsville.

## Penland, Presnell Attend Bank Meeting

B. R. Penland and Robert Presnell attended a meeting of stockholders and directors of the Northwestern Bank on Jan. 14, in North Wilkesboro.

Mr. Penland was elected director from the Burnsville branch and also was elected to the executive board of the Northwestern Bank.

## Senior Girl Scout Troop Established In Burnsville

At the regular meeting of the Burnsville-Bald Creek Neighborhood of the Pisgah Girl Scout Council on January 13, final plans were made for establishing a Senior Girl Scout Troop. An organization primarily for service on the community level, membership in the troop is offered to all girls fourteen through seventeen years of age. The program will include besides service projects, handicrafts, dancing and other activities chosen by the girls themselves.

The leaders will be Miss Annie Hassell and Mrs. Carl Carter. Miss Hassell was a Senior Scout in Washington, D. C., later serving as leader of a Senior troop there. Mrs. Carter, in close touch with the young people in this vicinity, has always shown a lively interest in this age group. All girls who are eligible are invited to attend the first meeting which will be held at the home of Miss Hassell in Glen Raven village this evening, Thursday, at 7:00. If needed, transportation may be had for this meeting by contacting the leaders or any of the Girl Scout workers in Burnsville.

## Tobacco Growers To Hear State College Specialists

Astor Perry, tobacco extension specialist, and P. A. Tedd, plant disease specialist from State College, will meet with tobacco growers in the courthouse Tuesday morning, January 23, at 9:00 a. m. Mr. Perry will cover production practices and Mr. Tedd will discuss disease prevention and control.

Results of tobacco demonstrations in this county and other counties will be given. All growers are urged to attend.

## LIONS TO OBSERVE LADIES NIGHT

The Burnsville Lions Club will observe Ladies' Night Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 in the Community Building.

Micaeville high school students will provide special music. Dr. C. F. McRae will be honored with the presentation of a special Service Certificate as a charter member.

Out-of-town guests will be District Governor, C. R. Smith, and Mrs. Smith of Appalachian Teachers College at Boone.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE

Efforts to move ahead with the Program Projection plans to increase poultry income in the county are being made by the County Agent's Office in cooperation with poultrymen and poultry industry leaders.

Present and future poultrymen, who are interested in going into commercial egg production, should contact the county agent's office. A survey is being made to find out the number of people interested and the facilities they have for raising poultry.

Only those interested in putting in 500 or more layers are being surveyed at this time.

## Applications Being Taken For Purchase Of Montana Ewes

Farmers interested in getting started in the expanding of the sheep business on their farms have an opportunity to purchase western ewes to be delivered in May of this year if they make application at once at the county agent's office. All applications should be accompanied by a deposit of \$5 per ewe.

These Montana ewes are coming from the same source as last year and will be one year old, according to county agent E. L. Dillingham. They are especially bred to produce a large amount of wool and also milk. Farmers who purchased them last year have given good reports of them.

## Pension Plan For Firemen Being Contested

North Carolina firemen are losing no time taking advantage of the pension plan passed by the 1957 General Assembly. Over 1900 members have paid \$52,000 in the four months the plan has been operating, said Win Donat, Pension Fund Secretary, of Farmville, N. C. Members pay \$5.00 each month until retirement in order to receive a pension of \$50.00 each month after retirement. This fund is augmented by a levy of one per cent on the insurance premiums paid in the area protected by the department. The one per cent rate increase was authorized by the law creating the pension plan and is paid by the policy holders.

Over 115 fire departments over the state are represented by the membership. Burnsville, N. C. has 7 members belonging to the plan. All firemen belonging to departments rated class "A" or better are eligible for class "B" or better, or rural class "A" or better are eligible for membership. This rating qualification is designed to stimulate departmental improvement in efficiency and equipment thereby improving the service rendered and lowering the accident rate among firemen. Also, insurance rates are decreased as the department's efficiency rating is improved.

The firemen's pension will provide a valuable supplement to social security benefits and private incomes for many firemen who have been serving their communities at considerable personal risk and expense with little or no compensation, Donat said. Many cities and towns are paying all or part of the firemen's payments to the pension fund.

The pension plan is being contested by the fire insurance companies who have filed suits in the Wake County Superior Court. The demurrer filed by the Attorney General, who is defending Charles F. Gold, Commissioner of Insurance and Henry L. Bridges, State Auditor, both trustees of the pension fund, recently was upheld by the Wake court. The judge's action on the demurrer has been appealed to the State Supreme court.

## Rep. Whitener Elected To House Judiciary Committee

Washington, D. C. — The House of Representatives today unanimously adopted a resolution electing Congressman Basil L. Whitener of the 11th Congressional District to the House Committee on Judiciary.

The Judiciary Committee is one of the most powerful committees in the Congress. It has

## Farmers Requested To Answer Queries

Yancey farmers have been asked to cooperate in the state's annual 1958 Township Farm Census this month by E. L. Dillingham, county agent.

Dillingham says that the census will be taken this month as farmers list their 1958 taxes. Tax lists are cooperating in the census to get the vital information which agricultural leaders can use in working out plans for agricultural programs. The census is required by law, and the state Department of Agriculture and boards of county commissioners are responsible for carrying it out.

County Agent Dillingham explains that the information obtained in the census is held in confidence. It is used only for compiling accurate statistics on land use, crop acreages and livestock numbers.

David S. Weaver, director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, emphasizes that the annual North Carolina Township Farm Census should not be confused with the Federal government's general agricultural census every five years. He said "through the annual North Carolina Farm Census, we have the machinery for obtaining vital statistical data that helps keep this state on the right road, agriculturally."

Some of the questions farmers will be expected to answer include: total acreage for each tract over three acres, number of acres from which crops were harvested in 1957, number acres of idle crop land, improved pasture, data on individual crops, cattle, hogs and chickens.

## Farm Housing Loans Available

The construction and repair of farm houses and other farm buildings may be financed by Farmers Home Administration loans, Mack B. Ray, the agency's local county supervisor, said this week.

He said the same kind of farm housing loan program is available as last year when American farm owners borrowed \$21,300,000 to construct, improve, or repair farm houses and other essential farm buildings, or to improve water for farmland or household use.

A good example of the Farm Housing program in operation may be observed on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Styles of Route 3, Burnsville. During 1957 they constructed a very modern home, including basement, central heating system and garage. By using some materials from their farm they were able to build for a very reasonable price.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans of Jacks Creek are very happy with their attractive new home. A full-size basement is being utilized for storage of fruits, vegetables, tobacco grading and includes a shower and wash room. Native shrubbery is being used for landscaping that fits well with plans for a large lawn.

Farmers Home Administration loans are provided only when a bank or other lender cannot adequately serve the owner's credit needs, at the present time. The agency does not compete with conventional or cooperative lenders, Mr. Ray said, but does supplement the credit services supplied by other sources. Borrowers agree to repay the housing loans within the shortest time consistent with their abilities, but no loan schedule can go beyond 33 years. The interest rate is 4 percent.

Although housing loans go only to farm owners, an owner may borrow to repair or build a house or other farm buildings for his tenants or farm laborers. Part time farmers are eligible for Farm Housing loans. A borrower must be an American citizen. Any farm involved must be big enough and operated in such a way as to be considered an actual farm, and it must produce a substantial part of the operator's annual cash income. Farmers cannot use farm housing loans to buy land or refinance debts.

Mr. Ray cautioned loan applicants against starting construction work or incurring debts for work or materials before their loans are closed, if they expect to obtain their financing through the Farmers Home Administration. However jobs that have been started and everything paid for to date may be completed with Farm Housing funds provided construction already done meets minimum requirements.

This loan has been popular in Yancey County as well as throughout the United States. Thirty-nine Farm Housing loans have been made in Yancey County to date for a total of \$195,235. Farmers buy their building materials wherever they please, usually from local dealers. They obtain their building plans from any reliable source they choose. The Farmers Home Administration has a limited number of plans that applicants may use if they want to.

During construction the agency makes periodic inspections to make certain that sound construction standards are followed. Construction may be by contract or on a day labor basis.

initial legislative jurisdiction over bills relating to judicial proceedings; appointment of Representatives; bankruptcy, mutiny, espionage, and counterfeiting; civil liberties; constitutional amendments; federal courts and judges; immigration and naturalization; interstate compacts; measures raising to claims against the United States; meetings of Congress; attendance of Members and their acceptance of incompatible offices; national penal institutions; patents, copyrights, and trade-marks; presidential succession; protection of trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies; revision and codification of the Statutes of the United States; state and territorial boundary lines; and various other legislative matters.

The 11th District legislator, commenting upon his elevation to the new assignment, stated, "I am deeply appreciative of the confidence which my colleagues in the House of Representatives have evidenced in electing me to membership on the Judiciary Committee. I count it a high honor as well as a tremendous responsibility. Service on this committee gives one an opportunity to more effectively assist in the preservation of our basic constitutional concepts in the legislative arena. In the deliberations of the Committee it will be my purpose to be constantly aware of this responsibility."

## Drainage Pays For Ed Hunter, Sr.

By Lewis W. Dameron  
Yancey Soil Conservationist

"Yes, tile drainage pays," according to Mr. Ed Hunter Sr. of Jacks Creek.

Last year Mr. Hunter grew an estimated 104 bushels of corn per acre on land that had been too wet for row crops the previous year.

In 1955, Hunter drained a four acre bottom-land field by installing 1000 ft. of four inch clay drain tile. This drainage system was designed by the Soil Conservation Service personnel assigned to the Yancey Soil Conservation District. Cost share assistance was furnished through the Yancey ASC office of a portion of this drainage system.

## Legion, Auxiliary To Meet Tuesday

The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Tuesday night, Jan. 23, at 7 o'clock at the Community Building.

## WNC Lions Review Progress At Mid- Winter Convention

Officers participate in the mid-winter convention of Western North Carolina Lions Clubs Saturday, Jan. 18, in George Vanderbilt Hotel, Asheville.

Program principals included John L. (Jack) Stickleby of Charlotte, immediate past international president; and Norman Trueblood of Elizabeth City, secretary-treasurer, N. C. State Lions Club Council.

Three host district governors were: 31-A, Judge William A. Hart of Weaverville; 31-B, A. R. Smith of Boone; and 31-C, Lawrence L. Maier of Belmont.

Representatives of all Lions Clubs west of Charlotte reviewed progress reports on blind aid and prevention of blindness work on community, county and district levels.



NUMBER 15 . . . Cornelius Schouten family beams approval at newest member, Michael, born Christmas day in Lynwood, Calif.