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Highway Commission Reports Progress Made

Raleigh, N. C. — The State Highway Commission completed 368.40 miles of road improvements in the 13th Highway Division, Division En near W. M. Corkill of Asheville, reported today.

Of the 368.40 completed mileage, State Highway forces finished up 328.16 miles while the other 40.24 miles were improved by contract forces.

Alltop Explains Farm Tax Returns

"Although farm tax returns now being filed for 1957 appear generally to be more accurate and complete than those of previous years, there continue to be misunderstandings about the income to be reported for social security tax purposes," according to R. Lee Alltop, Asheville Social Security Office field representative, who serves Yancey County.

"Many taxpayers overlook the fact that not all farm income which must be reported for income tax purposes is counted for the farm self-employment (social security) tax purpose. Schedule F is the tax form on which the farm operator reports farm self-employment income. He reports any wages he earns on Form 1040 only; these wages count for Social Security purposes only if his employer is required by law to report them. Capital gains and losses are reported on Schedule D, where they do not affect the social security tax payable. Other types of income which do not qualify as farm self-employment income are shown in Schedules A to H on Form 1040. Non-farm business income is reported on Schedule C."

Alltop listed these items as some which farmers have incorrectly included on Schedule F in the mistaken belief that they count for social security purposes: Income from the sale of farm equipment, machinery, land, buildings—

Income from the sale of livestock held for dairy, work, or breeding purposes, even if not used for such purposes. That includes the family cow—

Income from work as a laborer, hired hand, or any other work in which the farmer is an employee—

Income from the sale of standing timber for a lump-sum—

Rental income, where the farmer does not perform substantial work in producing the crop or in managing production—

The separate income of wife from her farm or other activities (baby-sitting, handwork, etc.). She pays a separate social security tax if she has separate taxable income—

Any and all non-farm income.

Alltop pointed out that all farm business expenses and depreciation on farm equipment and buildings must be reported for Social Security tax purposes unless the optional method of reporting is used. Farm expenses do not include charitable contributions, interest on non-farm property, taxes on residence and non-farm property, household and dental expenses, and all costs of growing products for family consumption.

"Properly completed returns will mean less waiting time to file claim and quicker payment of benefits," Alltop added. Our job is to see that the amount of income is correctly established

Dr. McRae Awarded 5-Gallon Pin From Red Cross

Dr. Cameron F. McRae III, until recently director of the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey District Health Department, on January 27 was awarded a 5-gallon pin and a certificate of appreciation from the American Red Cross, in recognition of having given 40 pints of blood since the start of the Blood Donor Program in his district in 1949. These donations were made in the Red Cross Donor Center in Asheville and in the following communities in the Avery-Mitchell-Yancey district: Burnsville, Celo, Bakersville, Spruce Pine, Spear (Riverside School), Crossnore, Newland, Elk Park, and Banner Elk.

Dr. McRae also aided by examining other prospective donors in each of the above-listed communities, as well as at Micaville. He was Blood Program Chairman for Yancey County during 1957.

The awards referred to above were presented by P. Carlton Peyton of Canton, president of the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America, at the monthly meeting of the executive board of the Council. Dr. McRae had been a member of the executive board since 1951. He is now doing postgraduate work at the University of North Carolina, toward the degree of Master of Public Health.

Garden Club Hears Mrs. Proffitt

Mrs. Ralph Proffitt was the guest speaker at the Garden Club meeting Friday evening at the home of Mrs. W. A. Y Sargent. Mrs. Proffitt was introduced by Mrs. Charles Proffitt, program leader.

Mrs. Ralph Proffitt, who is immediate past president of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs of North Carolina, attended the conference of Associated Country Women of the World at Colombo, Ceylon, where she represented North Carolina. Mrs. Proffitt showed color slides taken during her trip to Ceylon and around the world, giving an interesting travelogue of the cities she visited, including Paris, Rome, Jerusalem, Athens, Beirut, Damascus, Colombo, Tokyo, New Delhi and Wake Island.

Mrs. Sargent, president of the club, presided at the business meeting. It was voted to make the pastors' wives automatic members of the club. Mrs. Warren S. Reeve and Mrs. O. L. Brown were present and accepted membership in the club. Attractive year books, made by Mrs. Sargent, were distributed.

The hostess served a delicious salad course during the social hour.

30,444 Licenses Revoked In State During 1957

RALEIGH — In a summary of license revokable traffic offenses the Motor Vehicles Department said today that 30,444 motorists lost their legal driving privileges during 1957.

Neck and neck at the top of the list were 11,906 drunk drivers and 11,804 speeders, the agency reported.

Both offenses require a mandatory surrender of drivers license.

Miscellaneous violations noted in the annual report showed reckless driving, 1799 convictions; improper use of operator's license, 489; transporting intoxicants, 359 and larceny of automobile, 207.

Additional penalties were prescribed for 1973 motorists caught driving after their license had been withdrawn, the department said.

Farmers Use Operating Credit

This is the time of year when Yancey County farm families plan the steps they need to take to increase the efficiency of their farming operations during the coming farm season, reports Mack B. Ray, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor.

Approximately 140 farm families in the county are operating their farms with loans obtained through the Farmers Home Administration.

The agency advances operating credit primarily to help eligible farm families make improved use of their land and labor resources on family-type farms and make needed changes in their farming systems. Most of the changes call for adopting better farming practices and improving the efficiency of their farming operations. The loans help farmers pay for equipment, livestock, feed, seed, fertilizer, and other farm and home operating needs including refinancing chattel debts. Operating loans run from 1 to 7 years at 5 percent interest. The average operating loan in Yancey County is approximately \$1000.00.

Mr. Ray said the bulk of the income and to determine additional

operating loan money in this area is being used for equipment and livestock. Many of the changes in farming systems are resulting in better dairy herds, more dependable pasture and higher crop yields.

At the time an operating loan for adjustment purposes is made the applicant and the county supervisor agree on the proposed long-time improvements to be made on the farm and in the home. At the beginning of each farming year while the loan is being repaid, the family with the supervisor's help makes annual plans for the best use of the farm's credit needs.

A year-end review of the past year's successes and mistakes guides the family and the county supervisor when they get together to plan for the year coming up. Mr. Ray said he can make operating loans only to families who have or can acquire land and labor resources needed to help them improve their farming, and who are not presently able to turn to private or cooperative lenders for adequate financing of the type they require. All borrowers graduate to conventional credit as soon as they can.

Mrs. Briggs Appointed Library Week Chairman

Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Burnsville has been appointed Yancey County Chairman of the National Library Week Committee. The appointment was made by Mrs. Grace Taylor Rodenbough, State Chairman. Members of the Yancey County Committee will be announced by Mrs. Briggs.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK will be celebrated March 16-22, 1958. Its purpose is to encourage the people of the United States to do more reading. "Wake Up and Read!" is the theme for the first year. Marchette Chute, biographer and member of the National Committee wrote, "We cannot afford a country of lazy minds and the boredom that comes from knowing little and caring less. We cannot afford a nation of non-readers." The sponsors of the nation-wide effort to encourage reading are the National Book Committee, Inc. and the American Library Association.

A Gallup poll of 1955 revealed that 61% of American adults had not read any book with the exception of the Bible during the previous year. Twenty-six per cent of the people who had attended college and 82 per cent of those who attended only elementary school could not remember reading a single book during the previous twelve months.

In a free democracy well informed citizens are vital to survival. Books are sources of information and of recreation. People who read make good citizens, have the most successful careers, and are enriched as individuals.

Bailey To Study Modern Farming

John Bailey, Green Mountain, N. C. 1, has been selected to represent Yancey County in the short course in Modern Farming to be held at State College February 10-21. The short course is sponsored by the N. C. Bankers' Ass'n. Mr. Bailey is being sponsored by the local branch of the Northwestern Bank.

COMMUNITY CLUB News

HARDSCRABBLE CLUB TO MEET

The Hardscrabble Community Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Proffitt on Friday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p. m.

Everyone in the community is urged to attend this meeting for the purpose of making plans for this year's development.

Mrs. Ernest Buckner, Reporter BRUSH CREEK COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB

The Brush Creek Community 4-H Club held its regular meeting on Jan. 22. During the business session, the annual election of officers was held.

The new officers are Lloyd Hall, president; Arlene Grindstaff, vice president; Patricia Johnson, secretary; Sandra Garland and Charles Thomas, song leaders; and Sherill Grindstaff and Jerry Garland, recreation committee.

Plans for a Valentine party were discussed for the next meeting.

Loris Randolph, Reporter

County Chairman Named For Heart Fund Campaign

Mrs. J. B. King and I. E. Clevenger have been appointed co-chairmen for the Heart Fund in Yancey County. John Randolph will serve as campaign treasurer.

Committees for solicitations on Heart Sunday, which will be observed Sunday, February 23, will be named this week.

When you give to the Heart Fund, you help your heart.

4-H Achievement Night To Be Held

The annual 4-H Achievement Night will be held Friday, February 7, at 7:30 p. m. at the Community Building in Burnsville, according to Miss Virginia Cox, assistant home agent.

The guest speaker will be G. L. Carter, Jr., assistant State 4-H Club leader. Mr. Carter is well known by many of the 4-H club members who have been to camp and 4-H Club Week and others who may have had the privilege of working with him in the county. The program will also include talks by club members, parents, entertainment by members and recreation.

The purpose and main event of the evening will be the presentation of awards and medals to the county project winners and other members who have done outstanding 4-H club work. Club members, parents and leaders are invited to attend.

CAROLINA HEMLOCK JR. WOMAN'S CLUB TO HAVE CARD PARTY SATURDAY

The Carolina Hemlock Jr. Woman's Club met Monday evening at the Community Building. Mrs. Melvin Webb presided.

Plans were completed for the benefit card party the club is sponsoring on Saturday evening, February 8th, at 8 o'clock at the Community Building. Admission will be 50c per person, so come and bring your friends for an evening of fun. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Mrs. Max Penland and Mrs. Julian Cornwell were hostesses for the evening.

Yancey Breeders Association Ranks 7th In State

Yancey County Breeders Association ranked 7th in the state out of 55 county associations in the percentage of increase in the number of cows bred during 1957 as compared to 1956. Dr. J. C. Cornwell is the local technician for the Yancey County Breeders Association.

Yancey County bred 282 cows in 1956 and 385 in 1957 during December and January — an increase of 36 percent.

Deyton Sworn In As County Dog Warden

R. B. Deyton of Green Mountain, was sworn in as Yancey County Dog Warden on Monday, February 3, by the Clerk of Court, Mr. Deyton will work under the Yancey County Board of Commissioners and in close cooperation with the Health Department.

Farmers To Attend 100-Bushel Corn Banquet

Yancey County's 100-bushel corn growers are invited to attend the annual 100-Bushel Corn Growers' Banquet in Asheville Saturday, February 8. The local growers are George and Grover Anglin, Edgar Hunter, Sr., Burl Maney, Ralph Ray, Bruce Bailey, Handy Riddle, Landon Honeycutt, H. E. Duncan, and John Deyton.

The program and prizes are sponsored by the Farmers' Federation. Any farmer who is eligible to attend and is in need of transportation may contact the County Agent's Office before Saturday.

Presbyterian Young People To Conduct Service

The eleven o'clock worship service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 9th, will be in charge of the young people of the congregation. Those taking part in it will be Martha Bradshaw, Susan Dillingham, Clarence Hall, Jr., Susan Hall, Charles Jarrett, Linda Laughrun, Tommy Dean McIntosh, Brenda Peterson, David Peterson, and Keith Styles.

SINGING CONVENTION

The Yancey County Singing Convention will be held at the Shoal Creek Baptist Church Sunday at 2 p. m., according to an announcement by W. W. Gardner.

Boy Scouts, on 48th Birthday, Begin National Safety Good Turn



OFFICIAL BOY SCOUT WEEK POSTER

More than 4,700,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders throughout the nation will observe Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13, marking the 48th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boy Scout Week sees the launching of a yearlong Safety Good Turn suggested by President Eisenhower, Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America.

In cooperation with other organizations giving leadership in safety, the Scouts will promote traffic safety in March, April, and May; outdoor safety in June, July, and August; and home safety in September, October, and November.

der the Yancey County Board of Commissioners and in close cooperation with the Health Department.

The duties of the dog warden will be to enforce the dog control law as it applies to Yancey County. He will be responsible for seeing that all dogs are vaccinated, listed for taxes, and that each dog wears a collar showing the owner's name, address, and a vaccination tag.

A site for the dog shelter has been leased near Burnsville, and construction of a building will start as soon as weather permits. A group of county officials, agricultural workers, and the dog warden recently visited Buncombe County and studied the dog control program there. Buncombe County commissioners and health officers told the group they felt that if the program kept only one child from being bitten by a mad dog, the program was worth what it cost.

Savings Bonds 1957 Sales Exceed \$46 Million

The calendar year of 1957 ended with sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds increasing and redemptions decreasing, it was announced today by G. Leslie Henley, Volunteer Chairman for Yancey County.

In North Carolina, total sales for 1957 were \$46,851,664 which was 86 per cent of the state's annual quota. Final state figures show 1957 as being behind 1956 sales by 9 per cent. This decrease was brought about primarily by a decline in the sale of large denomination bonds. With a more favorable interest rate and improved market conditions, the year ended with definite improvement in the sales of the larger bonds.

December sales of Series E and H Bonds were \$3,886,550. For the month the Series H Bonds showed an increase of 6 per cent while the E Bonds show a decrease of 8 per cent from the sales of December, 1956.

In Yancey County, sales for December were \$21,037.50 and for the year \$165,895.30. This was 106 per cent of the county's 1957 goal.

Twenty-two counties in North Carolina attained their 1957 quota. These counties and their per cent of achievement are as follows: Yancey—106%, Dare—250% Macon—143%, Onslow—142% Alleghany—136%, Gates—128%, Northampton—125%, Stanley—125%, Moore—123%, Chowan—117%, Transylvania—114%, Hoke—113%, Cherokee—112%, Hertford—110%, Martin—108%, Washington—108%, Rockingham—105%, Gaston—105%, Henderson—104%, Ashe—103%, Clay—102%, and Jackson—100%.

Walter P. Johnson, State Director, Savings Bonds Program, expressed the Treasury's appreciation for the splendid support given to the Savings Bonds Program during 1957 by the volunteers, banks, industry and media. Johnson said, "The growth and success of the Savings Bonds Program is a remarkable expression of the patriotism and thrift habits of the American people."

Yancey Hospital Report

ADMISSIONS: Baby Lucretia Carroll, Linda Silvers, Kaye Evans, Rt. 3, Burnsville; Ruby McIntosh, Star Rt., Burnsville; Aietha Autrey, Hamrick; Edward Dean Styles, Michael Fox, Rt. 1, Burnsville; Brenda Johnson, Nettie Letterman, Green Mt.; Knaird Carroll, Nancy Howell, Janice Hunter, Betty Ayers, Kathy Souther, Burnsville; Clarence Boone, Mary Greene, Laura Boone, Helen Wright, Rt. 2, Burnsville; Ted Blevins, Bakersville.



Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a. m. — February 3, 1958:
Killed This Year: 54
Killed to Date Last Year: 112